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PREFACE.

AS the mind of man is ever fond of variety, nothing ſeems better calculated to entertain, than a judicious collection of the ſmaller, though not on that account leſs laboured, productions of eminent poets: an entertainment, not unlike that which we receive from ſurveying a finiſhed land-ſchape, or well diſpoſed piece of ſhell-work: where each particular object, tho' ſingly beautiful, and ſufficiently ſtriking by itſelf, receives an additional charm, thus, as Milton expreſſes it, SWEETLY INTERCHANGED.

The firſt miſcellaneous collection of poems, that ever appeared in Great-Britain with any reputation, is that publiſhed by Dryden: which was afterwards continued by Tonſon. There are many pieces of the higheſt merit in this collection, by Dryden, Denham, Creech, Drayton, Garth, Marvell, and many others; yet the compilers, it is evident, were not always ſufficiently ſcrupulous and cautious in their choice, as ſeveral pieces are admitted, among the reſt, which would otherwiſe utterly have periſhed, and which had no other recommendation, than that they ſerved to ſwell the volume. Since this, many miſcellanies have been publiſhed both in Scotland and England: to enumerate which

would be no leſs tedious than uſeleſs. It will be ſufficient to remark, that through want of care or judgment in their reſpective editors, they are all forgotten or neglected. From theſe the miſcellany known by the name of Mr. Pope perhaps ought to be excepted; tho' that, indeed, cannot properly be ſtyled a collection of poems by different hands, which is ſuch a one as we are ſpeaking of at preſent, the greater part conſiſting of pieces by Mr. Pope only. The beſt miſcellany at this day extant in our language, and the firſt complete one of the kind which we have ſeen, is that lately publiſhed by R. Dodſley, which boaſts the greateſt names of the preſent age among its contributors.

As to the poetical collection here exhibited to the public, we apprehend it challenges no ſmall degree of regard, as it was made under the immediate inſpection and conduct of ſeveral very ingenious gentlemen, whoſe names it would do us the higheſt honour to mention; and as it contains a variety not to be found even in the admirable collection laſt ſpoken of; I mean the Intermixture of poems both Scotch and Engliſh. Nor is this variety leſs agreeable than uſeful; as from it we have an opportunity of forming a compariſon and eſtimate of the taſte and genius of the two different nations, in their poetical compoſitions.

It will be neceſſary to take notice, that our chief care has been to furniſh out the following miſcellany with thoſe pieces, regard being firſt had to real merit, which have laid unknown and unobſerved from their MANNER of publication; ſeveral of them having been printed by themſelves, and ſo periſhed as it were for want of bulk, and others loſt amid the rubbiſh of collections injudiciouſly made, and perhaps not eaſily to be met with. Nor will it be improper to mention, that in order to render our volume ſtill more compleat, we have had the favour of ſome original poems, written by a late member of the univerſity of Aberdeen, whoſe modeſty would not permit us to prefix his name: one of which in this edition is printed with many improvements, from a corrected copy. And from theſe ingenious eſſays, the public may be enabled to form ſome judgment beforehand of a poem of a nobler and more important nature, which he is now preparing. Nor muſt we forget to return our public thanks to this gentleman, for the ſervice he has been to us, not only in making this collection more excellent by his own contributions, but in ſelecting ſuch pieces of others as were ſuitable to our deſign.

It is hoped that the ancient Scottiſh poems (amongſt which THE THISTLE AND THE ROSE, and HARDYKNUTE are more particularly diſtinguiſhed)

will make no diſagreeable figure amongſt thoſe of modern date; and that they will produce the ſame effect here, as Mr. Pope obſerves a moderate uſe of old words may have in a poem; which, adds he, is like working old abbey-ſtones into a modern building, and which I have ſometimes ſeen practiſed with good ſucceſs.

Upon the whole, as we have been favoured with the beſt aſſiſtance in compiling this volume, no further apology is neceſſary; and as the approbation of the public has been already ſecured to theſe poems ſeparately, we hope they have no leſs reaſon to claim it, when thus publiſhed together.

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A POEM IN HONOUR OF MARGARET DAUGHTER TO HENRY VII. OF ENGLAND, QUEEN TO JAMES IV. KING OF SCOTS.

BY WILLIAM DUNBAR.

The THISTLE and the ROSE,
O'er flowers and herbage green,
By Lady Nature choſe,
Brave King and lovely Queen.

I.

WHEN March with varying winds was overpaſt,
And ſweet April had with his ſilver ſhowers
Ta'n leave of Nature with an orient blaſt,
And luſty May, that mother is of flowers,
Had made the birds begin by tymous hours;
Among the tender odours red and white,
Whoſe harmony to her was great delight.

II.

In bed at morrow, ſleeping as I lay,
Methought Aurora with her ruby ene,
In at my window looked by the day,
And halſit me with viſage pale and green;
Upon her hand a lark ſang frae the ſpleen,
" Lovers, awake out of your ſlumbering.
" See how the luſty morning does upſpring."

III.

Methought freſh May before my bed upſtood,
In weed depainted of ilk diverſe hue,
Sober, benign, and full of manſuetude,
In bright attire of flowers, all forged new,
Of heavenly colour, white, red, brown and blue,
Balmit in dew, and gilt with Phebus' beams,
While all the houſe illumin'd with her leams.

IV.

Sluggard, ſhe ſaid, awake anon for ſhame,
And in mine honour ſomething thou go write;
The lark has done, the merry day proclaim,
Lovers to raiſe with comfort and delight;
Will nought increaſe thy courage to indite,
Whoſe heart ſometime has glad and bliſsful been,
Songs oft to make, under the branches green?

V.

Whereto, quoth I, ſhall I upriſe at morrow,
For in thy month few birds have I heard ſing,
They have mare cauſe to weep and plain their ſorrow:

Thy air it is not wholſome nor benign,
Lord Eolus does in thy ſeaſon ring,
So bouſteous are the blaſts of his ſhrill horn,
Among thy boughs to walk I have forborn.

VI.

With that the lady ſoberly did ſmile,
And ſaid, upriſe and do thy obſervance:
Thou did promiſe in May's luſty while,
Then to deſcribe the ROSE of moſt pleaſance
Go ſee the birdis how they ſing and dance,
And how the ſkies illumined are bright,
Enamell'd richly with new azure light.

VII.

When this was ſaid, away then went the Queen,
And enter'd in a luſty garden gent;
And then methought, full haſtily beſeen,
In ſark and mantle after her I went
Into this garth moſt dulce and redolent,
Of herb and flower, and tender plants moſt ſweet,
And the green leaves doing of dew down fleit.

VIII.

The purple ſun, with tender rayis red,
In orient bright as angel did appear,
Through golden ſkies advancing up his head,
Whoſe gilded treſſes ſhone ſo wondrous clear,
That all the world took comfort far and near,
To look upon his freſh and bliſsful face,
Doing all ſable frae the Heavens chace.

IX.

And as the bliſsful ſun drove up the ſky,
All nature ſang through comfort of the light,
The minſtrels wing'd, with open voices cry,
" O Lovers now is fled the dully night,
" Come welcome day, that comforts ev'ry wight;
" Hail May! hail Flora! hail Aurora ſheen,
" Hail Princeſs Nature! hail love's hartſome Queen!

X.

Dame Nature gave an inhibition there,
To Neptune fierce, and Eolus the bold,
Not to perturb the water or the air,
That neither blaſhy ſhower, nor blaſts more cold
Should flowers affray nor fowls upon the fold.
She bade eke Juno, Goddeſs of the ſky,
That ſhe the heaven ſhould keep amene and dry.

XI.

Alſo ordain'd that every bird and beaſt
Before her Highneſs ſhould anon compear;
And every flower of virtue moſt and leaſt,
And every herb of fair field far and near,
As they had wont in May from year to year;
To her their Queen to make obedience,
Full low inclining with due reverence.

XII.

With that anon ſhe ſent the ſwift fôot Roe,
To bring in alkind beaſt from dale and down;
The reſtleſs ſwallow order'd ſhe to go,

And fetch all fowl of great and ſmall renown,
And to gar flowers appear of all faſſoun:
Full craftily conjured ſhe the Yarrow,
Which did forth ſwirk as ſwift as any arrow.

XIII.

All brought in were in twinkling of an eye,
Both beaſt and bird and flower before the Queen;
And firſt the Lion, greateſt of degree,
Was ſummon'd there; and he, fair to be ſeen,
With a full hardy countenance and keen,
Before Dame Nature came, and did incline,
With viſage bold, and courage leonine.

XIV.

This awful beaſt was terrible of chear,
Piercing of look, and ſtout of countenance,
Right ſtrong of corps, of faſhion fair, but fear,
Luſty of ſhape, light of deliverance,
Red of his colour, as the ruby glance:
In field of gold he ſtood full rampantly,
With flower-de-lyces circled pleaſantly.

XV.

This Lady lifted up his claws ſo clear,
And lute him liſtly lean upon her knee,
And crowned him with diadem full dear,
Of radious ſtones moſt royal there to ſee,
Saying the King of all beaſts make I thee;
And the protector chief in woods and ſhaws,
Go forth, and to thy lieges keep the laws.

XVI.

Juſtice exerce, with mercy and conſcience,
And let no ſmall beaſt ſuffer ſkaith or ſcorns
Of greater beaſts, that been of more puiſſance;
Do law alike to Apes and Unicorns,
And let no Bugle with his bouſteous horns
Oppreſs the meek plough Ox, for all his pride,
But in the yoke go quietly him beſide.

XVII.

When this was ſaid, with noiſe and ſound of joy,
All kind of Quadrupeds in their degree,
At once cry'd LAUD, and then VIVE LE ROY;
Then at his feet fell with humility;
To him they all paid homage and fealty;
And he did them receive with princely laits,
Whoſe noble ire his greatneſs mitigates.

XVIII.

Then crowned ſhe the Eagle King of fowls;
And ſharp as darts of ſteel ſhe made his pens,
And bade him be as juſt to Whawps and Owls,
As unto Peacocks, Papingoes, or Cranes,
And make one law for Wicht Fowls, and for Wrens,
And let no fowl of rapine do affray,
Nor birds devour, but his own proper prey.

XIX.

Then called ſhe all flowers grew in the field,
Deſcribing all their faſhions and effeirs,
Upon the awful THISTLE ſhe beheld.

And ſaw him guarded with a buſh of ſpears,
Conſidering him ſo able for the wars,
A radiant crown of rubies ſhe him gave,
And ſaid, in field go forth, and fend the laif.

XX.

And ſince thou art a King, be thou diſcreet,
Herb without value hold not of ſuch price,
As herb of virtue and of odour ſweet;
And let no nettle vile, and full of vice,
Her fellow with the goodly Flower-de lyce;
Nor let no wild weed full of churliſhneſs,
Compare her to the Lilly's nobleneſs.

XXI.

Nor hold none other flower in ſuch dainty
As the freſh ROSE, of colour red and white;
For if thou doſt, hurt is thine honeſty,
Conſidering that no flower is ſo perfyte,
So full of pleaſaunce, virtue and delight;
So full of bliſsful angelic beauty,
Imperial birth, honour and dignity.

XXII.

Then to the ROSE ſhe did her viſage turn,
And ſaid, O luſty daughter moſt benign,
Above the Lilly thou art illuſtrious born,
From royal lineage riſing freſh and young,
But any ſpot, or macul doing ſprung;
Come bloom of joy, with richeſt gems be crown'd,
For o'er the laif thy beauty is renown'd.

XXIII.

A coſtly crown with ſtones clarified bright,
This comely Queen did in her head incloſe,
While all the land illumined of light;
Wherefore methought, the flowers did all rejoyce,
Crying at once, Hail to the fragrant ROSE!
Hail Empreſs of the herbs! freſh Queen of flowers!
To thee be glore and honour at all hours.

XXIV.

Then all the birds they ſang with voice on height,
Whoſe mirthful ſound was marvellous to hear:
The Mavys ſang, Hail ROSE moſt rich and right,
That does upflouriſh under Phebus' ſphere,
Hail plant of youth, hail Prince's daughter dear,
Hail bloſſom breaking out of blood royal,
Whoſe precious virtue is imperial.

XXV.

The Merle ſhe ſang, Hail ROSE of moſt delight,
Hail of all flowers the ſweet and ſovereign Queen:
The lark ſhe ſang, hail ROSE both red and white,
Moſt pleaſant flower of mighty colours * twain:
Nightingals ſang, hail Natures ſuffragan,
In beauty, nurture, and each nobleneſs,
In rich array, renown, and gentleneſs.

* Alluding to the Houſes of YORK and LANCASTER, which were diſtinguiſhed by the WHITE and RED ROSE, and united in the perſon of Queen MARGARET.

XXVI.

The common voice uproſe of warblers ſmall,
Upon this wiſe, " O bleſſed be the hour
" That thou waſt choſe to be our principal,
" Welcome to be our Princeſs crown'd with pow'r,
" Our pearl, our pleaſance, and our paramour,
" Our peace, our play, our plain felicity:
" Chriſt thee conſerve from all adverſity."

XXVII.

Then all the concert ſang with ſuch a ſhout,
That I anon awaken'd where I lay,
And with a braid I turned me about
To ſee this court, but all were gone away;
Then up I lean'd me, halflings in affray,
Call'd to my Muſe, and for my ſubject choſe
To ſing the royal THISTLE and the ROSE.

VERSES ON THE DEATH OF QUEEN CAROLINE.

BY MR. SHIPLEY.

OBlivion wraps not in her ſilent ſhade
All human labours. Virtue blooms a flower,
That Time's rough hand ſhall never violate.
Still CAROLINE ſhall live in faithful verſe,
Sweet nurſe of Memory, and in the voide
Of grateful Britain. Theſe ſhall teſtify
How well her calm impartial rule ſupplied
A monarch's abſence; theſe commemorate
Her ſoul contemplative of peaceful Truth
And nature, mindful midſt the pomp of Courts
Of wiſe retirement, and the ſilent grove.
She ſtretch'd thro' length'ning ſhades thy ſpacious walks,
Delightful Richmond, and the terraſs rais'd
Of regal grandeur, whence the eye diſcerns
Fair Thames with copious waters winding ſlow
Midſt paſtures, ſpreading herds, and villages
Of aſpect neat, and villas wrapt in ſhades:
Fair ſcene of chearful peace! the lovely ſight
Frequent ſhe view'd, and bleſs'd the honour'd reign

Of her great Conſort, provident and mild.
Now wander'd muſing thro' the darkening depth
Of thickeſt woods, friendly to ſolemn thought;
Now o'er broad lawns fair opening to the ſun.
Nor midſt her rural plans diſdain'd to mix
The uſeful arable, and waving corn
With ſoft turf border'd, and the lowly cot,
That half appears, in branching elms obſcur'd.
Here beauty dwells, aſſembled from the ſcenes
Of various nature; ſuch as oft inflam'd
With rapture Grecian bards, in that fair vale,
Theſſalian Tempe, or thy favorite ſoil,
Arcadia, erſt by awe-ſtruck fancy fill'd
With wand'ring forms, the woodland Deities,
Light Nymphs and wanton Satyrs, faintly ſeen
Quick glancing thro' the ſhade at cloſe of eve,
Great Pan, and old Silenus. Hither led
By ſolitary grief ſhall GEORGE recall
Th'endearing manners, the ſoft ſpeech, that flow'd
From his lov'd Conſort, virtue mix'd with love,
Prudence, and mild inſinuating ſenſe:
But chief her thoughtful breaſt of counſels deep
Capacious, nor unequal to the weight
Of Government. Such was the royal mind
Of wife ELIZA, name of loveliеſt ſound
To Britiſh ears, and pattern fair to Kings:
Or ſhe who rules the Scepter of the North
Illuſtrious, ſpreading o'er a barbarous world

The light of arts and manners, and with arms
Infeſts th' aſtoniſh'd Sultan, hardly now
With ſcatter'd troops reſiſting; ſhe drives on
The heavy war, and ſhakes th' Imperial Throne
Of old Byzantium. Lateſt time ſhall ſound
The praiſe of female genius. Oft ſhall GEORGE
Pay the kind tear, and grief of tender words
To CAROLINE, thus oft lamenting ſad.
" Hail ſacred ſhade! by me with endleſs woe
" Still honour'd! ever in my Breaſt ſhall dwell
" Thy image, ever preſent to my ſoul
" Thy faithful love, in length of years mature:
" O ſkill'd t'enliven time, to ſoften care
" With looks and ſmiles and friendſhip's chearful voice!
" Anxious, of Thee bereft, a ſolitude
" I feel, that not the fond condoling cares
" Of our ſad offſpring can remove. Ev'n now
" With lonely ſteps I trace the gloomy groves,
" Thy lov'd receſſes, ſtudious to recall
" The vaniſh'd bliſs, and cheat my wand'ring thoughts
" With ſweet illuſion. Yet I not accuſe
" Heav'n's diſpenſation. Proſperous and long
" Have been my days, and not unknown to fame,
" That dwells with virtue. But 'tis hard to part
" The league of ancient friendſhip, to reſign
" The home-felt fondneſs, the ſecure delight,
" That reaſon nouriſh'd, and fair fame approv'd."

THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST,

AS IT IS REPRESENTED ON THE EAST WINDOW OF WINCHESTER COLL. CHAPEL.

WRITTEN AT WINTON SCHOOL, BY DR. LOWTHE.

AT once to raiſe our rev'rence and delight,
To elevate the mind, and pleaſe the ſight,
To pour in virtue at th' attentive eye,
And waft the ſoul on wings of extacy;
For this the painter's art with nature vies,
And bids the viſionary ſaint ariſe;
Who views the ſacred forms in thought aſpires,
Catches pure zeal, and as he gazes, fires;
Feels the ſame ardour to his breaſt convey'd,
Is what he ſees, and emulates the ſhade.
Thy ſtrokes, great Artiſt, ſo ſublime appear,
They check our pleaſure with an awful fear;
While, thro' the mortal line, the God you trace,
Author himſelf, and Heir of Jeſſe's race;
In raptures we admire thy bold deſign,
And, as the ſubject, own the hand divine.
While thro' thy work the riſing day ſhall ſtream,
So long ſhall laſt thine honour, praiſe and name.

And may thy labours to the Muſe impart
Some emanation from her ſiſter art,
To animate the verſe, and bid it ſhine
In colours eaſy, bright, and ſtrong, as Thine.
Supine on earth an awful figure lies,
While ſoftest ſlumbers ſeem to ſeal his eyes;
The hoary ſire Heav'ns guardian care demands,
And at his feet the watchful angel ſtands.
The form auguſt and large, the mien divine
Betray the * founder of Meſſiah's line.
Lo! from his loins the promis'd ſtem aſcends,
And high to Heaven its ſacred Boughs extends:
Each limb productive of ſome hero ſprings,
And blooms luxuriant with a race of kings.
Th' eternal plant wide ſpreads its arms around,
And with the mighty branch the myſtic top is crown'd.
And lo! the glories of th' illuſtrious line
At their firſt dawn with ripen'd ſplendors ſhine,
In DAVID all expreſs'd; the good, the great,
The king, the hero, and the man compleat.
Serene he ſits, and ſweeps the golden lyre,
And blends the prophet's with the poet's fire.
See! with what art he ſtrikes the vocal ſtrings,
The God, his theme, inſpiring what he ſings!
Hark---or our ears delude us---from his tongue
Sweet flows, or ſeems to flow, ſome heav'nly ſong.

* JESSE.

Oh! could thine art arreſt the flitting ſound,
And paint the voice in magic numbers bound;
Could the warm ſun, as erſt when Memnon play'd
Wake with his riſing beam the vocal ſhade:
Then might he draw th' attentive angels down,
Bending to hear the lay, ſo ſweet, ſo like their own.
On either ſide the monarch's offspring ſhine,
And ſome adorn, and ſome diſgrace their line.
Here Ammon glories; proud, inceſtuous lord!
This hand ſuſtains the robe, and that the ſword.
Frowning and fierce, with haughty ſtrides he tow'rs,
And on his horrid brow defiance low'rs.
There Abſalom the raviſh'd ſceptre ſways,
And his ſtol'n honour all his ſhame diſplays:
The baſe uſurper Youth! who joins in one
The rebel ſubject, and th' ungrateful ſon.
Amid the royal race, ſee Nathan ſtand:
Fervent he ſeems to ſpeak, and lift his hand;
His looks th' emotion of his ſoul diſcloſe,
And eloquence from every geſture flows.
Such, and ſo ſtern he came, ordain'd to bring
Th' ungrateful mandate to the guilty King:
When, at his dreadful voice, a ſudden ſmart
Shot thro' the trembling monarch's conſcious heart;
From his own lips condemn'd; ſevere decree!
Had his God prov'd ſo ſtern a Judge as He.
But man with frailty is allay'd by birth;
Conſummate purity ne'er dwelt on earth:

Thro' all the ſoul tho' virtue holds the rein,
Beats at the heart, and ſprings in ev'ry vein:
Yet ever from the cleareſt ſource have ran
Some groſs allay, ſome tincture of the man.

But who is he ----deep-muſing----in his mind,
He ſeems to weigh, in reaſon's ſcales, mankind;
Fix'd contemplation holds his ſteady eyes----
I know the ſage *; the wiſeſt of the wiſe.
Bleſt with all man could wiſh, or prince obtain,
Yet his great heart pronounc'd thoſe bleſſings vain.
And lo! bright glitt'ring in his ſacred hands,
In miniature the glorious temple ſtands.
Effulgent frame! ſtupendous to behold!
Gold the ſtrong valves, the roof of burniſh'd gold.
The wand'ring ark, in that bright dome enſhrin'd,
Spreads the ſtrong light, eternal, unconfin'd!
Above th' unutterable glory plays
Preſence divine! and the full-ſtreaming rays
Pour thro' reluctant crouds intolerable blaze.

But ſtern oppreſſion rends Reboam's reign;
See the gay prince, injurious, proud and vain!
Th' imperial ſceptre totters in his hand,
And proud rebellion triumphs in the land.
Curs'd with corruption's ever-fruitful ſpring,
A beardleſs Senate, and a haughty King.

There Aſa, good and great, the ſceptre bears,
Juſtice attends his peace, ſucceſs his wars:

* SOLOMON.

While virtue was his ſword, and Heaven his ſhield,
Without controul the warrior ſwept the field;
Loaded with ſpoils, triumphant he return'd,
And half her ſwarthy Sons ſad Ethiopia mourn'd.
But ſince thy flagging piety decay'd,
And barter'd God's defence for human aid;
See their fair laurels wither on thy brow,
Nor herbs, nor healthful arts avail thee now,
Nor is heav'n chang'd, apoſtate prince, but Thou.
No mean atonement does this lapſe require;
But ſee the Son, you muſt forgive the Sire:
He, * the juſt prince---with ev'ry virtue bleſs'd,
He reign'd, and goodneſs all the man poſſeſs'd,
Around his throne, fair happineſs and peace
Smooth'd ev'ry brow, and ſmil'd in ev'ry face.
As when along the burning waſte he ſtray'd,
Where no pure ſtreams in bubbling mazes play'd,
Where drought incumbent on the thirſty ground,
Long ſince had breath'd her ſcorching blaſts around;
The † Prophet calls, th' obedient floods repair
To the parch'd fields, for Joſaphat was there.
The new-ſprung waves, in many a gurgling vein,
Trickle luxurious through the ſucking plain;
Freſh honours the reviving fields adorn,
And o'er the deſart plenty pours her horn.

* JOSAPHAT. † ELISHA.

So, from the throne his influence he sheds,
And bids the virtues raise their languid heads:
Where'er he goes, attending Truth prevails,
Oppression flies, and Justice lifts her scales.
See, on his arm, the royal eagle stand,
Great type of conquest and supreme command;
Th' exulting bird distinguish'd triumph brings,
And greets the Monarch with expanded wings.
Fierce Moab's sons prevent th' impending blow,
Rush on themselves, and fall without the foe.
The pious hero vanquish'd Heav'n by pray'r;
His faith an army, and his vows a war.
Thee too, Ozias, fates indulgent blest
And thy days shone, in fairest actions dress't;
Till that rash hand, by some blind frenzy sway'd,
Unclean, the sacred office durst invade.
Quick o'er thy limbs the scurfy venom ran,
And hoary filth besprinkled all the man.
Transmissive worth adorns the pious * Son,
The father's virtues with the father's throne.
Lo! there he stands: he who the rage subdu'd
Of Ammon's sons, and drench'd his sword in blood,
And dost thou, Ahaz, Judah's scourge, disgrace,
With thy base front, the glories of thy race?

* JOATHAM.

See the vile King his iron ſceptre bear----
His only praiſe attends the pious * Heir;
He, in whoſe ſoul the virtues all conſpire,
The beſt good ſon, from the worſt wicked ſire.
And lo! in Hezekiah's golden reign,
Long-exil'd piety returns again;
Again, in genuine purity ſhe ſhines,
And with her preſence gilds the long-neglected ſhriues.

Ill-ſtarr'd does proud Aſſyria's impious † Lord
Bid Heav'n to arms, and vaunt his dreadful ſword;
His own vain threats th' inſulting King o'erthrow,
But breathe new Courage on the gen'rous foe.
Th' avenging Angel, by divine command,
The fiery ſword full-blazing in his hand,
Leant down from Heav'n: amid the ſtorm he rode
March'd Peſtilence before him; as he trod,
Pale deſolation bath'd his ſteps in blood.
Thick wrapt in night, thro' the proud hoſt he paſt,
Diſpenſing death, and drove the furious blaſt;
Nor bade deſtruction give her revels o'er,
Till the gorg'd ſword was drunk with human gore.
But what avails thee, pious Prince, in vain
Thy ſceptre reſcu'd, and th' Aſſyrian ſlain?
Ev'n now the ſoul maintains her lateſt ſtrife,
And death's chill graſp congeals the fount of life.

* HEZEKIAH. † SENNACHERIB.

Yet ſee, kind Heav'n renews thy brittle thread,
And rolls full fifteen ſummers o'er thy head;
Lo! the receding ſun repeats his way,
And, like thy life, prolongs the falling day.
Tho' nature her inverted courſe forego,
The day forget to reſt, the time to flow,
Yet ſhall Jehovah's ſervants ſtand ſecure,
His mercy fix'd, eternal ſhall endure;
On them her ever-healing rays ſhall ſhine;
More mild and bright, and ſure, O ſun! than thine.

At length, the long-expected Prince behold,
The laſt good King; in ancient days foretold,
When Bethel's altar ſpoke his future fame,
Rent to its baſe, at good Joſiah's name.
Bleſt, happy prince! o'er whoſe lamented urn,
In plaintive ſong, all Judah's daughters mourn;
For whom ſad Sion's ſofteſt Sorrow flows,
And Jeremiah pours his ſweet melodious woes.

But now fall'n Sion, once the fair and great,
Sits deep in duſt, abandon'd, deſolate;
Bleeds her ſad heart, and ever ſtream her eyes,
And anguiſh tears her, with convulſive ſighs.
The mournful captive ſpreads her hands in vain,
Her hands, that rankle with the ſervile chain;
Till he, *Great Chief! in Heav'n's appointed time,
Leads back her children, to their native clime.

* ZOROBABEL.

Fair liberty revives with all her joys,
And bids her envy'd walls ſecurely riſe.
And thou, great hallow'd dome, in ruin ſpread,
Again ſhall lift ſublime thy ſacred head.
But ah! with weeping eyes, the ancients view
A faint reſemblance of the old in you.
No more th' effulgent glory of thy God
Speaks awful anſwers from the myſtic cloud:
No more thine altars blaze with fire divine,
And Heav'n has left thy ſolitary ſhrine.
Yet, in thy courts, hereafter ſhalt thou ſee
Preſence immediate of the Deity,
The light himſelf reveal'd, the God confeſs'd in Thee.
And now, at length, the fated term of years
The world's deſire have brought, and lo! the God appears.
The Heav'nly Babe the Virgin Mother bears,
And her fond looks confeſs the parent's cares.
The pleaſing burden on her breaſt ſhe lays,
Hangs o'er his charms, and with a ſmile ſurveys.
The Infant ſmiles, to her fond boſom preſt,
And wantons, ſporting, on the mother's breaſt.
A radiant glory ſpeaks him all Divine,
And in the Child the beams of Godhead ſhine.
But now alas! far other views diſcloſe
The blackeſt comprehenſive ſcene of woes.

See where man's voluntary ſacrifice
Bows his meek head, and God eternal dies!
Fixt to the Croſs, his healing arms are bound,
While copious Mercy ſtreams from every wound.
Mark the blood-drops that life exhauſting roll,
And the ſtrong pang that rends the ſtubborn ſoul!
As all death's tortures, with ſevere delay,
Exult and riot in the nobleſt prey.
And can'ſt thou, ſtupid man, theſe ſorrows ſee,
Nor ſhare the anguiſh which He bears for Thee?
Thy ſin, for which his ſacred Fleſh is torn,
Points ev'ry nail, and ſharpens ev'ry thorn;
Can'ſt thou?—while nature ſmarts in ev'ry wound,
And each pang cleaves the ſympathetic ground!
Lo! the black ſun, his chariot backward driv'n,
Blots out the day, and periſhes from Heav'n:
Earth, trembling from her entrails, bears a part,
And the rent rock upbraids man's ſtubborn heart.
The yawning grave reveals his gloomy reign,
And the cold clay-clad dead, ſtart into life again.
And thou, O tomb, once more ſhalt wide diſplay,
Thy ſatiate jaws, and give up all thy prey.
Thou, groaning earth ſhalt heave, abſorpt in flame,
As the laſt pangs convulſe thy lab'ring frame;
When the ſame God unſhrouded thou ſhalt ſee,
Wrapt in full blaze of pow'r and Majeſty,
Ride on the clouds; whilſt, as his chariot flies,
The bright effuſion ſtreams through all the ſkies.

Then ſhall the proud diſſolving mountains glow,
And yielding rocks in fiery rivers flow:
The molten deluge round the globe ſhall roar,
And all man's arts and labour be no more.
Then ſhall the ſplendors of th' enliven'd glaſs
Sink undiſtinguiſh'd in the burning maſs.
And O! till earth, and ſeas, and Heav'n decay,
Ne'er may that fair creation fade away;
May winds and ſtorms thoſe beauteous colours ſpare,
Still may they bloom, as permanent as fair,
All the vain rage of waſting time repell,
And his Tribunal ſee, whoſe Croſs they paint ſo well.

A FRAGMENT.

BY MR. MALLET.

FAIR morn aſcends: freſh zephyr's breath
Blows liberal o'er yon bloomy heath;
Where, ſown profuſely, herb and flower,
Of balmy ſmell, of healing power,
Their ſouls in fragrant dews exhale,
And breathe freſh life in ev'ry gale.
Here, ſpreads a green expanſe of plains,
Where, ſweetly-penſive, Silence reigns:
And there, at utmoſt ſtretch of eye,
A mountain fades into the ſky;
While winding round, diffus'd and deep,
A river rolls with ſounding ſweep.
Of human art no traces near,
I ſeem alone with nature here!
Here are thy walks, O ſacred HEALTH!
The Monarch's bliſs, the Beggar's wealth;
The ſeaſoning of all good below,
The ſovereign friend in joy or woe.

O Thou, moſt courted, moſt deſpis'd:
And but in abſence duly priz'd!
Power of the ſoft and roſy face!
The vivid Pulſe, the vermil grace,
The ſpirits when they gayeſt ſhine,
Youth, beauty, pleaſure, all are thine!
O ſun of life! whoſe heavenly ray
Lights up, and chears our various day,
The turbulence of hopes and fears,
The ſtorm of fate, the cloud of years,
Till nature with thy parting light,
Repoſes late in Death's calm night:
Fled from the trophy'd roofs of ſtate,
Abodes of ſplendid pain and hate;
Fled from the couch, where, in ſweet ſleep,
Hot Riot would his anguiſh ſteep,
But toſſes through the midnight ſhade,
Of death, of life, alike afraid;
For ever fled to ſhady cell,
Where Temperance, where the Muſes dwell;
Thou oft art ſeen, at early dawn,
Slow-pacing o'er the breezy lawn:
Or on the brow of mountain high,
In ſilence feaſting ear and eye,
With ſong and proſpect, which abound
From birds, and woods, and waters round.
But when the ſun, with noon-tide ray,
Flames forth intolerable day;

While Heat ſits fervent on the plain,
With Thirſt and Languor in his train;
(All nature ſickening in the blaze)
Thou, in the wild and woody maze,
That clouds the vale with umbrage deep,
Impendent from the neighbouring ſteep,
Wilt find betimes a calm retreat,
Where breathing Coolneſs has her ſeat.
There plung'd amid the ſhadows brown,
Imagination lays him down;
Attentive in his airy mood,
To every murmur of the wood:
The bee in yonder flow'ry nook;
The chidings of the headlong brook;
The green leaf quivering in the gale;
The warbling hill, the lowing vale;
The diſtant woodman's echoing ſtroke;
The thunder of the falling oak.
From thought to thought in viſion led,
He holds high converſe with the Dead;
Sages or Poets. See, they riſe!
And ſhadowy ſkim before his eyes.
Hark! Orpheus ſtrikes the lyre again,
That ſoftened ſavages to men:
Lo! Socrates, the Sent of Heaven,
To whom its moral will was given.
Fathers and friends of human kind!
They form'd the nations, or refin'd,

With all that mends the head and heart,
Enlightening truth, adorning art.
Thus muſing in the ſolemn ſhade;
At once the ſounding breeze was laid:
And Nature, by the unknown law,
Shook deep with reverential awe.
Dumb ſilence grew upon the hour;
A browner night involv'd the bower:
When iſſuing from the inmoſt wood,
Appear'd fair Freedom's GENIUS good.
O Freedom! ſovereign boon of Heav'n;
Great Charter, with out being given;
For which the patriot, and the ſage,
Have plan'd, have bled thro' ev'ry age!
High privilege of human race,
Beyond a mortal monarch's grace:
Who could not give, who cannot claim,
What but from God immediate came!

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THE EAGLE AND ROBIN RED-BREAST.

A FABLE.*

BY MR. ARCHIBALD SCOTT.

THE Prince of all the feather'd kind,
That with ſpread wings out-flies the wind,
And tow'rs far out of human ſight
To view the ſhining orb of light:
This Royal Bird, tho' brave and great,
And armed ſtrong for ſtern debate,
No tyrant is, but condeſcends
Oft-times to treat inferior friends.

One day at his command did flock
To his high palace on a rock,
The courtiers of ilk various ſize
That ſwiftly ſwim in chryſtal ſkies;

* Written before the year 1600.

Thither the valiant Tarſels doup,
And here rapacious Corbies croup,
With greedy Gleads, and fly Gormahs,
And dinſom Pyes, and chattering Dawes;
Proud Peacocks, and a hundred mae,
Bruſh'd up their pens that ſolemn day,
Bow'd firſt ſubmiſſive to my Lord,
Then took their places at his board.

Meantime while feaſting on a fawn,
And drinking blood from Lamies drawn,
A tuneful ROBIN trig and young,
Hard-by upon a burr-tree ſung.
He ſang the EAGLE's royal line,
His piercing eye, and right divine
To ſway out-owre the feather'd thrang,
Who dread his martial bill and fang:
His flight ſublime, and eild renew'd,
His mind with clemency endow'd;
In ſofter notes he ſang his love,
More high, his bearing bolts for Jove.

The Monarch Bird with blitheneſs heard
The chaunting little ſilvan Bard,
Call'd up a Buzzard, who was then
His favourite, and chamberlain.
Swith to my treaſury, quoth he,
And to yon canty ROBIN gie
As muckle of our current gear
As may maintain him thro' the year;

We can well ſpar't, and it's his due;
He bade, and forth the Judas flew,
Straight to the branch where ROBIN ſung,
And with a wicked lying tongue,
Said ah! ye ſing ſo dull and rough,
Ye've deaf'd our lugs more than enough,
His Majeſty has a nice ear,
And no more of your ſtuff can bear;
Poke up your pipes, be no more ſeen
At court, I warn you as a friend.
He ſpake, while ROBIN's ſwelling breaſt,
And drooping wings his grief expreſt;
The tears ran hopping down his cheek,
Great grew his heart, he could not ſpeak,
No for the tinſel of reward,
But that his notes met no regard:
Strait to the ſhaw he ſpread his wing,
Reſolv'd again no more to ſing,
Where princely bounty is ſuppreſt
By ſuch with whom They are oppreſt;
Who cannot bear (becauſe they want it)
That ought ſhould be to merit granted.

ODE TO FANCY.

BY THE REV. MR. JOSEPH WARTON.

O Parent of each lovely muſe,
Thy ſpirit o'er my ſoul diffuſe!
O'er all my artleſs ſongs preſide,
My footſteps to thy temple guide!
To offer at thy turf-built ſhrine,
In golden cups no coſtly wine;
No murder'd fatling of the flock,
But flowers and honey from the rock.
O nymph with looſely-flowing hair,
With buſkin'd leg, and boſom bare;
Thy waiſt with myrtle-girdle bound,
Thy brows with Indian feathers crown'd;
Waving in thy ſnowy hand
An all-commanding magic wand;
Of pow'r to bid freſh gardens blow
'Mid chearleſs Lapland's barren ſnow;
Whoſe rapid wings thy flight convey,
Thro' air, and over earth and ſea:

While the vaſt various landſcape lies
Conſpicuous to thy piercing eyes;
O lover of the deſart, hail!
Say, in what deep and pathleſs vale:
Or on what hoary mountain's ſide,
'Midſt falls of water you reſide:
'Midſt broken rocks, a rugged ſcene,
With green and graſſy dales between:
'Midſt foreſt dark of aged oak,
Ne'er echoing with the woodman's ſtroke;
Where never human art appear'd,
Nor ev'n one ſtraw-rooft cott was rear'd;
Where Nature ſeems to ſit alone,
Majeſtic on a craggy throne.
Tell me the path, ſweet wand'rer, tell,
To thy unknown ſequeſter'd cell,
Where woodbines cluſter round the door,
Where ſhells and moſs o'erlay the floor;
And on whoſe top an hawthorn blows,
Amid whoſe thickly-woven boughs
Some nightingale ſtill builds her neſt,
Each ev'ning warbling thee to reſt.
Then lay me by the haunted ſtream,
Wrapt in ſome wild, poetic dream;
In converſe while methinks I rove
With Spencer thro' a fairy grove;
Till ſuddenly awak'd, I hear
Strange whiſper'd muſic in my ear;

And my glad ſoul in bliſs is drown'd,
By the ſweetly-ſoothing ſound!
Me, Goddeſs, by the right-hand lead,
Sometimes thro' the yellow mead;
Where Joy, and white-rob'd Peace reſort,
And Venus keeps her feſtive court,
Where Mirth and Youth each evening meet,
And lightly trip with nimble feet,
Nodding their lilly-crowned heads,
Where Laughter roſe-lip'd Hebe leads:
Where Echo walks ſteep hills among,
Liſt'ning to the ſhepherd's ſong.
Yet not theſe flow'ry fields of joy,
Can long my penſive mind employ;
Haſte, FANCY, from the ſcenes of folly,
To meet the matron Melancholy!
Goddeſs of the tearful eye,
That loves to fold her arms and ſigh;
Let us with ſilent footſteps go
To charnels, and the houſe of woe;
To gothic churches, vaults and tombs,
Where each ſad night ſome virgin comes,
With throbbing breaſt and faded cheek,
Her promis'd bridegroom's urn to ſeek.
Or to ſome Abby's mould'ring tow'rs,
Where, to avoid cold wintry ſhow'rs,
The naked beggar ſhivering lies,
While whiſtling tempeſts round her riſe,

And trembles, left the tottering wall
Should on her ſleeping infants fall.
Now let us louder ſtrike the lyre,
For my heart glows with martial fire;
I feel, I feel, with ſudden heat,
My big tumultuous boſom beat;
The trumpet's clangors pierce my ear,
A thouſand widows' ſhrieks I hear:
Give me another horſe I cry,
Lo! the baſe Gallic ſquadrons fly;
Whence is this rage?—what ſpirit, ſay,
To battle hurries me away?
'Tis FANCY, in her fiery car,
Tranſports me to the thickeſt war;
There whirls me o'er the hills of ſlain,
Where tumult and deſtruction reign;
Where mad with pain, ſhe wounded ſteed,
Tramples the dying and the dead;
Where giant Terror ſtalks around,
With ſullen joy ſurveys the ground,
And pointing to th' enſanguin'd field,
Shakes his dreadful Gorgon-ſhield.
O guide me from this horrid ſcene
To high-archt walks, and alleys green,
Which lovely Laura ſeeks, to ſhun
The fervors of the mid-day ſun.
The pangs of abſence, O remove,
For thou can'ſt place me near my love.

Can'ſt fold in viſionary bliſs,
And let me think I ſteal a kiſs;
While her ruby lips diſpenſe
Luſcious nectar's quinteſſence.
When young-eyed ſpring profuſely throws
From her green lap the pink and roſe;
When the ſoft turtle of the dale
To Summer tells her tender tale,
When Autumn cooling caverns ſeeks,
And ſtains with wine his jolly cheeks,
When Winter, like poor pilgrim old,
Shakes his ſilver beard with cold;
At every ſeaſon, let my ear
Thy ſolemn whiſpers, FANCY, hear.
O warm enthuſiaſtic maid,
Without thy powerful, vital aid,
That breathes an energy divine,
That gives a ſoul to every line,
Ne'er may I ſtrive with lips profane,
To utter an unhallow'd ſtrain;
Nor dare to touch the ſacred ſtring,
Save, when with ſmiles thou bid'ſt me ſing.
O hear our prayer, O hither come
From thy lamented Shakeſpear's tomb,
On which thou lov'ſt to ſit at eve,
Muſing o'er thy darling's grave.
O queen of numbers, once again
Animate ſome choſen ſwain,

Who fill'd with unexhauſted fire,
May boldly ſmite the ſounding lyre,
Who with ſome new, unequall'd ſong,
May riſe above the rhyming throng.
O'er all our liſt'ning paſſions reign,
O'erwhelm our ſouls with joy and pain:
With terror ſhake, and pity move,
Rouze with revenge, or melt with love.
O deign t' attend his evening walk,
With him in groves and grottos talk;
Teach him to ſcorn, with frigid art,
Feebly to touch th' enraptur'd heart;
Like light'ning, let his mighty verſe
The boſom's inmoſt foldings pierce;
With native beauties win applauſe,
Beyond cold critic's ſtudied laws:
O let each Muſe's fame encreaſe,
O bid Britannia rival Greece!

ODE

TO

EVENING.

BY THE SAME.

I.

HAIL meek-ey'd Maiden, clad in ſober grey,
Whoſe ſoft approach the weary wood-man loves;
As homeward bent to kiſs his prattling babes,
Jocund he whiſtles through the twilight groves.

II.

When Phæbus ſinks behind the gilded hills,
You lightly o'er the miſty meadows walk;
The drooping daiſies bathe in dulcet dews,
And nurſe the nodding violet's tender ſtalk.

III.

The panting Dryads, that in day's fierce heat
To inmoſt bow'rs, and cooling caverns ran;
Return to trip in wanton ev'ning dance,
Old Sylvan too returns, and laughing Pan.

IV.

To the deep wood the clamorous rooks repair,
Light ſkims the ſwallow o'er the watry ſcene;
And from the ſheep-cote, and freſh furrow'd-field,
Stout ploughmen meet to wreſtle on the green.

V.

The ſwain, that artleſs ſings on yonder rock,
His ſupping ſheep, and lengthening ſhadow ſpies;
Pleas'd with the cool the calm refreſhful hour,
And with hoarſe humming of unnumber'd flies.

VI.

Now ev'ry Paſſion ſleeps: deſponding Love,
And pining Envy, ever-reſtleſs Pride;
An holy Calm creeps o'er my peaceful ſoul,
Anger and mad Ambition's ſtorms ſubſide.

VII.

O modeſt EVENING! oft let me appear
A wandering votary in thy penſive train;
Liſtening to every wildly-warbling note,
That fills with farewel ſweet thy darkening plain.

ODE

TO

EVENING.

BY MR. WILLIAM COLLINS.

IF ought of oaten ſtop, or paſtoral ſong,
May hope, chaſte Eve, to ſooth thy modeſt ear,
Like thy own ſolemn ſprings,
Thy ſprings, and dying gales,
O Nymph reſerv'd, while now the bright-hair'd ſun
Sits in yon weſtern tent, whoſe cloudy ſkirts,
With brede ethereal wove,
O'erhang his wavy bed:
Now air is hush'd, ſave where the weak-ey'd bat,
With ſhort ſhrill ſhriek flits by on leathern wing,
Or where the beetle winds
His ſmall but ſullen horn,
As oft he riſes 'midſt the twilight path,
Againſt the pilgrim borne in heedleſs hum:
Now teach me, Maid compoſ'd,
To breathe ſome ſoften'd ſtrain,

Whoſe numbers ſtealing thro' thy darkening vale,
May not unſeemly with it's ſtillneſs ſuit,
As muſing ſlow, I hail
Thy genial lov'd return!
For when thy folding ſtar ariſing ſhews
His paly circlet, at his warning lamp
The fragrant Hours, and Elves
Who ſlept in flowers the day,
And many a Nymph who wreaths her brows with ſedge,
And ſheds the freſh'ning dew, and lovelier ſtill,
The Penſive Pleaſure's ſweet
Prepare thy ſhadowy car.
Then lead, calm Votreſs, where ſome ſheety lake
Cheers the lone heath, or ſome time-hallow'd pile,
Or up-land fallows grey
Reflect its laſt cool gleam.
But when chill bluſtering winds, or driving rain,
Forbid my willing feet; be mine the hut,
That from the mountain's ſide,
Views wilds, and ſwelling floods,
And hamlets brown, and dim-diſcover'd ſpires,
And hears their ſimple bell, and marks o'er all
Thy dewy fingers draw
The gradual duſky veil.
While ſpring ſhall pour his ſhow'rs, as oft he wont,
And bathe thy breathing treſſes, meekeſt Eve!

While Summer loves to ſport,
Beneath thy ling'ring light:
While ſallow Autumn fills thy lap with leaves;
Or Winter yelling through the troublous air,
Affrights thy ſhrinking train,
And rudely rends thy robes;
So long, ſure-found beneath thy ſylvan ſhed,
Shall Fancy, Friendſhip, Science, roſe-lip'd Health,
Thy gentleſt influence own,
And hymn thy fav'rite name!

ISIS.

AN

ELEGY.

WRITTEN BY MR. MASON OF CAMBRIDGE, 1748.

FAR from her hallow'd grot, where mildly bright,
The pointed cryſtals ſhot their trembling light,
From dripping moſs where ſparkling dew-drops fell,
Where coral glow'd, where twin'd the wreathed ſhell,
Pale ISIS lay; a willow's lowly ſhade
Spread its thin foliage o'er the ſleeping maid;
Clos'd was her eye, and from her heaving breaſt
In careleſs folds looſe flow'd her zoneleſs veſt;
While down her neck her vagrant treſſes flow,
In all the awful negligence of woe;
Her urn ſuſtain'd her arm, that ſculptur'd vaſe
Where Vulcan's art had laviſh'd all its grace;
Here, full with life, was heav'n-taught Science ſeen,
Known by the laurel wreath, and muſing mien:
There cloud-crown'd Fame, here Peace ſedate
and bland,
Swell'd the loud trump, and wav'd the olive wand;

While solemn domes, arch'd shades, and vistas green,
At well-mark'd distance close the sacred scene.
On this the Goddess cast an anxious look,
Then dropt a tender tear, and thus she spoke:
Yes, I could once with pleas'd attention trace
The mimic charms of this prophetic vase;
Then lift my head, and with enraptur'd eyes
View on yon plain the real glories rise.
Yes, ISIS! oft hast thou rejoic'd to lead
Thy liquid treasures o'er yon fav'rite mead;
Oft hast thou stopt thy pearly car to gaze,
While ev'ry Science nurs'd it's growing bays;
While ev'ry Youth with fame's strong impulse fir'd,
Prest to the goal, and at the goal untir'd,
Snatch'd each celestial wreath, to bind his brow,
The Muses, Graces, Virtues could bestow.
E'en now fond Fancy leads th' ideal train,
And ranks her troops on Memory's ample plain;
See! the firm leaders of my patriot line,
See! SIDNEY, RALEIGH, HAMDEN, SOMERS shine.
See HOOOH superior to a tyrant's doom
Smile at the menace of the slave of Rome,
Each soul whom truth could fire, or virtue move,
Each breast, strong panting with it's country's love,
All that to Albion gave the heart or head,
That wisely counsel'd, or that bravely bled,
All, all appear; on me they grateful smile,
The well-earn'd prize of every virtuous toil

To me with filial reverence they bring,
And hang freſh trophies o'er my honour'd ſpring.
Ah! I remember well yon beachen ſpray,
There ADDISON firſt tun'd his poliſh'd lay;
'Twas there great CATO's form firſt met his eye,
In all the pomp of free-born majeſty;
" My ſon, he cry'd, obſerve this mein with awe,
" In ſolemn lines the ſtrong reſemblance draw;
" The piercing notes ſhall ſtrike each Britiſh ear;
" Each Britiſh eye ſhall drop the patriot tear!
" And rous'd to Glory by the nervous ſtrain,
" Each Youth ſhall ſpurn at ſlav'ry's abject reign,
" Shall guard with CATO's zeal Britannia's laws,
" And ſpeak, and act, and bleed in freedom's cauſe."
The Hero ſpoke; the bard aſſenting bow'd
The lay to liberty and CATO flow'd;
While Echo, as ſhe rov'd the vale along,
Join'd the ſtrong cadence of his Roman ſong.
But ah! how Stillneſs ſlept upon the ground,
How mute Attention check'd each riſing ſound;
Scarce ſtole a breeze to wave the leafy ſpray,
Scarce trill'd ſweet Philomel her ſofteſt lay,
When LOCKE walk'd muſing forth; e'en now I view
Majeſtic Wiſdom thron'd upon his brow,
View Candor ſmile upon his modeſt cheek,
And from his eye all Judgment's radiance break.
'Twas here the ſage his manly zeal expreſt,
Here ſtript vain falſhood of her gaudy veſt;

Here Truth's collected beams firſt fill'd his mind,
E'er long to burſt in bleſſings on mankind;
E'er long to ſhew to reaſon's purged eye,
That "NATURE'S FIRST BEST GIFT WAS LIBERTY."
Proud of this wond'rous ſon, ſublime I ſtood,
(While louder ſurges ſwell'd my rapid flood)
Then vain as Niobe, exulting cry'd,
Iliſſus! roll thy fam'd Athenian tide;
Tho' Plato's ſteps oft mark'd thy neighb'ring glade,
Tho' fair Lycæum lent it's awful ſhade,
Tho' ev'ry Academic green impreſt
It's image full on thy reflecting breaſt,
Yet my pure ſtream ſhall boaſt as proud a name,
And Britain's ISIS flow with Attic fame.
Alas! how chang'd! where now that Attic boaſt?
See! Gothic Licence rage o'er all my coaſt;
See! Hydra Faction ſpread it's impious reign,
Poiſon each breaſt, and madden ev'ry brain:
Hence frontleſs crouds, that not content to fright
The bluſhing Cynthia from her throne of night,
Blaſt the fair face of day; and madly bold,
To Freedom's foes infernal orgies hold;
To Freedom's foes, ah! ſee the goblet crown'd,
Hear plauſive ſhouts to Freedom's foes reſound;
The horrid notes my refluent waters daunt,
The Echoes groan, the Dryads quit their haunt;
Learning, that once to all diffus'd her beam,
Now ſheds, by ſtealth, a partial private gleam,

In ſome lone cloiſter's melancholy ſhade,
Where a firm few ſupport her ſickly head,
Deſpis'd, inſulted by the barb'rous train,
Who ſcour like Thracia's moon-ſtruck rout the plain,
Sworn foes like them to all the Muſe approves,
All Phæbus favours, or Minerva loves.

Are theſe the ſons my ſoft'ring breaſt muſt rear,
Grac'd with my name, and nurtur'd by my care?
Muſt theſe go forth from my maternal hand
To deal their inſults thro' a peaceful land,
And boaſt while Freedom bleeds, and Virtue groans,
That "ISIS taught Rebellion to her Sons?"
Forbid it heaven! and let my riſing waves
Indignant ſwell, and whelm the recreant ſlaves!
In England's cauſe their patriot floods employ,
As Xanthus delug'd in the cauſe of Troy.
Is this deny'd? then point ſome ſecret way
Where far far hence theſe guiltleſs ſtreams may ſtray;
Some unknown channel lend, where Nature ſpreads
Inglorious vales, and unfrequented meads,
There, where a hind ſcarce tunes his ruſtic ſtrain,
Where ſcarce a pilgrim treads the pathleſs plain,
Content I'll flow; forget that e'er my tide
Saw yon majeſtic ſtructures crown it's ſide;
Forget, that e'er my rapt attention hung
Or on the Sage's or the Poet's tongue;
Calm and reſign'd my humbler lot embrace,
And pleas'd, prefer oblivion to diſgrace.

THE TRIUMPH OF ISIS.

OCCASIONED BY THE FOREGOING POEM,

BY MR. THOMAS WARTON, OF OXFORD.

Quid mihi neſcio quam, proprio cum Tybride Ramum,
Semper in ore geris? referunt ſi vera parentes,
Hanc urbem inſano nullus qui marte petivit
Lætatus violaſſe redit. Nec numina ſedem
Deſtituunt.----- CLAUDIAN.

ON cloſing flow'rs when genial gales diffuſe
The fragrant tribute of refreſhing dews;
When chaunts the milk-maid at her balmy pail,
And weary reapers whiſtle o'er the vale;
Charm'd by the murmurs of the quiv'ring ſhade,
O'er ISIS' willow-fringed banks I ſtray'd:
And calmly muſing thro' the twilight way,
In penſive mood I fram'd the Doric lay.
When lo! from op'ning clouds, a golden gleam
Pour'd ſudden ſplendors o'er the ſhadowy ſtream;
And from the wave aroſe it's guardian queen,
Known by her ſweeping ſtole of gloſſy green;

While in the coral crown that bound her brow,
Was wove the Delphic laurel's verdant bough.
As the ſmooth ſurface of the dimply flood,
The ſilver-ſlipper'd ISIS lightly trod,
From her looſe hair the dropping dew ſhe preſs'd,
And thus mine ear in accents mild addreſs'd.
No more, my ſon, the rural reed employ,
Nor trill the trifling ſtrain of empty joy;
No more thy love-reſounding ſonnets ſuit
To notes of paſtoral pipe or oaten flute.
For hark! high-thron'd on yon majeſtic walls,
To the dear Muſe afflicted Freedom calls:
When Freedom calls, and OXFORD bids thee ſing,
Why ſtays thy hand to ſtrike the ſounding ſtring?
While thus, in Freedom's and in Phœbus' ſpite,
The venal ſons of ſlaviſh CAM, unite;
To ſhake yon tow'rs, when Malice rears her creſt,
Shall all my ſons in ſilence idly reſt?
Still ſing, O CAM, your fav'rite Freedom's cauſe;
Still boaſt of Freedom, while you break her laws:
To pow'r your ſongs of Gratulation pay,
To courts addreſs ſoft flattery's ſoothing lay.
What tho' your gentle MASON's plaintive verſe
Has hung with ſweeteſt wreaths MUSÆUS' hearſe;
What tho' your vaunted bard's ingenuous woe,
Soft as my ſtream, in tuneful numbers flow?
Yet ſtrove his Muſe, by fame or envy led,
To tear the laurels from a ſiſter's head?----

Miſguided youth! with rude unclaſſic rage
To blot the beauties of thy whiter page;
A rage that ſullies e'en thy guiltleſs lays,
And blaſts the vernal bloom of half thy bays.

Let GRANTA boaſt the patrons of her name,
Each pompous fool of fortune and of fame:
Still of preferment let her ſhine the queen,
Prolific parent of each bowing dean:
Be her's each prelate of the pamper'd cheek,
Each courtly chaplain ſanctify'd and ſleek;
Still let the drones of her exhauſtleſs hive,
On fat pluralities ſupinely thrive:
Still let her ſenates titled ſlaves revere,
Nor dare to know the patriot from the peer;
For tinſel'd courts their laurel'd mount deſpiſe,
In ſtars and ſtrings ſuperlatively wiſe:
No longer charm'd by virtue's golden lyre,
Who ſung of old amid th'Aonian choir,
Where CAM, ſlow winding thro' the breezy reeds,
With kindly wave his groves of laurel feeds.

'Tis ours, my ſon, to deal the ſacred bay,
Where Honour calls, and Juſtice points the way;
To wear the well-earn'd wreath which merit brings,
And ſnatch a gift beyond the reach of kings.
Scorning, and ſcorn'd by courts, yon Muſes' bow'r
Still nor enjoys, nor aſks the ſmile of pow'r.
Tho' wakeful Vengeance watch my chryſtal ſpring,
Tho' perſecution wave her iron wing,

And o'er yon ſpiry temples as ſhe flies,
" Theſe deſtin'd ſeats be mine" exulting cries;
On ISIS ſtill each gift of fortune waits,
Still peace and plenty deck my beauteous gates.
See Science walks with freſheſt chaplets crown'd;
With ſongs of joy my feſtal groves reſound;
My muſe divine, ſtill keeps her wonted ſtate,
The front erect, and high majeſtic gait:
Green as of old, each pliv'd portal ſmiles,
And ſtill the graces build my Parian piles:
My Gothic ſpires in ancient grandeur riſe,
And dare with wonted pride to ruſh into the ſkies.
Ah ſhould'ſt thou fall (forbid it heav'nly pow'rs!)
Daſh'd into duſt with all thy cloud-capt tow'rs;
Who but would mourn to BRITISH virtue dear,
What patriot could refuſe the manly tear!
What BRITISH MARIUS could refrain to weep
O'er mighty CARTHAGE fall'n, a proſtrate heap!
E'en late when RADCLIFFE'S delegated train
Auſpicious thone in ISIS' happy plain;
When yon proud * dome, fair Learning's ampleſt ſhrine,
Beneath its Attic roofs receiv'd the Nine;
Mute was the voice of joy and loud applauſe,
To RADCLIFFE due, and ISIS' honour'd cauſe?
What free-born crouds adorn'd the feſtive day,
Nor bluſh'd to wear my tributary bay!

* RADCLIFFE'S library.

How each brave breaſt with honeſt ardors heav'd,
When SHELDON's fane the patriot band receiv'd;
While, as we loudly hail'd the choſen few,
Rome's awful ſenate ruſh'd upon our view!
O may the day in lateſt annals ſhine,
That made a BEAUFORT, and an HARLEY mine;
Then bade them leave the loftier ſcene awhile,
The pomp of guiltleſs ſtate, the patriot toil,
For bleeding Albion's aid the ſage deſign,
To hold ſhort dalliance with the tuneful Nine.
Then Muſic left her golden ſphere on high,
And bore each ſtrain of triumph from the ſky;
Swell'd the full ſong, and to my chiefs around,
Pour'd the full Pæans of melliſluous ſound.
My Naiads blythe the floating accents caught,
And lift'ning danc'd beneath their pearly grot:
In gentler eddies play'd my wanton wave,
And all my reeds their ſofteſt whiſpers gave;
Each lay with brighter green adorn'd my bow'rs,
And breath'd a freſher fragrance on my flow'rs.
But lo! at once the ſwelling concerts ceaſe,
And crouded theatres are huſh'd in peace.
See, on yon ſage how all attentive ſtand,
To catch his darting eye, and waving hand.
Hark! he begins, with all a TULLY's art
To pour the dictates of a CATO's heart.
Skill'd to pronounce what nobleſt thoughts inſpire,
He blends the ſpeaker's with the patriot's fire;

Bold to conceive, nor tim'rous to conceal,
What Britons dare to think, he dares to tell.
'Tis his alike the ear and eye to charm,
To win with action, and with ſenſe to warm;
Untaught in flow'ry diction to diſpenſe
The lulling ſounds of ſweet impertinence;
In frowns or ſmiles he gains an equal prize,
Nor meanly fears to fall, nor creeps to riſe;
Bids happier days to ALBION be reſtor'd,
Bids ancient Juſtice rear her radiant ſword;
From me, as from my country, wins applauſe,
And makes an OXFORD's a BRITANNIA's cauſe.
While arms like theſe my ſteadfaſt ſages wield,
While mine is Truth's impenetrable ſhield;
Say, ſhall the PUNY CHAMPION fondly dare
To wage with force like this, ſcholaſtic war?
Still vainly ſcribble on with pert pretence,
With all the rage of pedant impotence?
Say, ſhall I foſter this domeſtic peſt,
This parricide that wounds a mother's breaſt?
Thus in the ſtately ſhip that long has bore
Britain's victorious croſs from ſhore to ſhore,
By chance, beneath her cloſe ſequeſter'd cells,
Some low-born worm, a lurking miſchief dwells;
Eats his blind way, and ſaps with ſecret toil
The deep foundations of the watry pile.
In vain the foreſt lent its ſtatelieſt pride,
Rear'd her tall maſt, and fram'd her knotty ſide;

In vain the thunder's martial rage ſhe ſtood,
With each fierce conflict of the ſtormy flood;
More ſure the reptile's little arts devour,
Than waves, or wars, or Eurus' wintry pow'r.

Ye venerable bow'rs, ye ſeats ſublime,
Clad in the moſſy veſt of fleeting time;
Ye ſtately piles of old munificence,
At once the pride of Learning and defence,
Where ancient Piety, a matron hoar,
Still ſeems to keep the hoſpitable door;
Ye cloiſters pale, that length'ning to the ſight,
Still ſtep by ſtep to muſings mild invite;
Ye high-archt walks where oft the bard has caught
The glowing ſentiment, the lofty thought;
Ye temples dim, where pious duty pays
Her holy hymns of ever-echoing praiſe;
Lo! your lov'd ISIS, from the bord'ring vale,
With all a mother's fondneſs bids you hail! - - -
Hail, OXFORD, hail! of all that's good and great,
Of all that's fair, the guardian and the ſeat;
Nurſe of each brave purſuit, each generous aim,
By truth exalted to the throne of fame!
Like Greece in ſcience and in liberty,
As Athens learn'd, as Lacedæmon free!

Ev'n now, confeſs'd to my adoring eyes,
In awful ranks thy ſacred ſons ariſe;
With ev'ry various flower their temples wreath'd,
That in thy gardens green its fragrance breath'd,

Tuning to knightly tale his British reeds,
Thy crowding bards immortal CHAUCER leads:
His hoary head o'erlooks the gazing choir,
And beams on all around celestial fire:
With graceful step see ADDISON advance,
The sweetest child of Attic Elegance:
To all, but his belov'd embrace deny'd,
See LOCKE leads reason, his majestic bride:
See sacred HAMMOND, as he treads the field,
With godlike arm uprears his heav'nly shield.
All who, beneath the shades of gentle peace,
Best plan'd the labours of domestic ease;
Who taught with truth, or with persuasion mov'd;
Who sooth'd with numbers, or with sense improv'd;
Who told the pow'rs of reason, or refin'd,
All, all that strengthen'd or adorn'd the mind;
Each priest of health, who mix'd the balmy bowl,
To rear frail man, and stay the fleeting soul;
All croud around, and echoing to the sky,
Hail, OXFORD, hail! with filial transport cry.
And see yon solemn band! with virtuous aim,
'Twas theirs in thought the glorious deed to frame:
With pious plans each musing feature glows,
And well weigh'd counsels mark their meaning brows:
"Lo! these the leaders of thy patriot line,"
HAMDEN, and HOOKER, HYDE, and SIDNEY shine.
These from thy source the fires of freedom caught:
How well thy sons by their example taught!

While in each breaſt th' hereditary flame
Still blazes, unextinguiſh'd and the ſame!
Nor all the toils of thoughtful peace engage,
'Tis thine to form the hero as the ſage.
I ſee the ſable-ſuited prince advance
With lillies crown'd, the ſpoils of bleeding France,
EDWARD----- the Muſes in yon hallow'd ſtands
Bound on his tender thigh the martial blade:
Bade him the ſteel for Britiſh freedom draw,
And OXFORD taught the deeds that CRESSY ſaw.
And ſee, great father of the laureat band,
The * BRITISH KING before me ſeems to ſtand.
He by my plenty-crowned ſeems beguil'd,
And genial influence of my ſeaſons mild,
Hither of yore (forlorn, forgotten maid)
The Muſe in prattling infancy convey'd;
From Gothic rage the helpleſs virgin bore,
And fix'd her cradle on my friendly ſhore;
Soon grew the maid beneath his foſt'ring hand,
Soon pour'd her bleſſings o'er th' enlighten'd land.
Tho rude the † dome, and humble the retreat,
Where firſt his pious care ordain'd her ſeat,
Lo! now on high ſhe dwells in Attic bow'rs,
And proudly lifts to heav'n her hundred tow'rs.

* Alfred. Regis Romani. V. Virg. Æn. 6.

† ---------- Ad Capitolia ducit
Aurea nunc, olim ſylveſtribus horrida dumis.

VIRG. ÆN.

He firſt fair Learning's and Britannia's cauſe
Adorn'd with manners, and advanc'd with laws;
He bade relent the Briton's ſavage heart,
And form'd his ſoul to ſocial ſcenes of art,
Wiſeſt and beſt of kings!----with raviſh'd gaze
Elate the long proceſſion he ſurveys:
Joyful he ſmiles to find, that not in vain
He plan'd the rudiments of Learning's reign:
Himſelf he marks in each ingenuous breaſt,
With all the founder in the race expreſt:
With rapture views, fair Freedom ſtill ſurvive
In yon bright domes (ill-fated fugitive)
(Such ſeen, as when the goddeſs pour'd the beam
Unſullied on his ancient diadem)
Well-pleas'd that in his own Pierian ſeat
She plumes her wings, and reſts her weary feet;
That here at laſt ſhe takes her fav'rite ſtand,
"Here deigns to linger, ere ſhe leave the land."

A

LOVE ELEGY.

BY MR. HAMMOND.

I.

LET others boaſt their heaps of ſhining gold,
And view their fields with waving plenty crown'd,
Whom neigb'ring foes in conſtant terror hold,
And trumpets break their ſlumbers, never ſound.

II.

While calmly poor, I trifle life away,
Enjoy ſweet leiſure by my chearful fire,
No wanton hope my quiet ſhall betray,
But cheaply bleſs'd, I'll ſcorn each vain deſire.

III.

With timely care I'll ſow my little field,
And plant my orchard with it's maſter's hand,
Nor bluſh to ſpread the hay, the hook to wield,
Or range the ſheaves along the ſunny land.

IV.

If late at duſk, while careleſsly I roam,
I meet a ſtrolling kid, or bleating lamb,
Under my arm I'll bring the wand'rer home,
And not a little chide it's thoughtleſs dam.

V.

What joy to hear the tempeſt howl in vain,
And claſp a fearful miſtreſs to my breaſt?
Or lull'd to ſlumber by the beating rain,
Secure and happy ſink at laſt to reſt.

VI.

Or if the ſun in flaming Leo ride,
By ſhady rivers indolently ſtray,
And with my DELIA walking ſide by ſide,
Hear how they murmur, as they glide away.

VII.

What joy to wind along the cool retreat,
To ſtop and gaze on DELIA as I go!
To mingle ſweet diſcourſe with kiſſes ſweet,
And teach my lovely ſcholar all I know!

VIII.

Thus pleas'd at heart, and not with fancy's dream,
In ſilent happineſs I reſt unknown;
Content with what I am, not what I ſeem,
I live for DELIA, and myſelf alone.

IX.

Ah fooliſh man! who thus of her poſſeſt,
Could float and wander with ambition's wind,
And if his outward trappings ſpoke him bleſt,
Not heed the ſickneſs of his conſcious mind.

X.

With her I ſcorn the idle breath of praiſe,
Nor truſt to happineſs that's not our own,
The ſmile of fortune might ſuſpicion raiſe,
But here, I know, that I am lov'd alone.

XI.

STANHOPE, in wiſdom, as in wit divine,
May riſe, and plead Britannia's glorious cauſe,
With ſteady rein his eager wit confine,
While manly ſenſe the deep attention draws:

XII.

Let STANHOPE ſpeak his liſt'ning country's wrong,
My humble voice ſhall pleaſe one partial maid,
For her alone, I pen my tender ſong,
Securely ſitting in his friendly ſhade.

XIII.

STANHOPE ſhall come, and grace his rural friend,
DELIA ſhall wonder at her noble gueſt;
With bluſhing awe the riper fruit commend,
And for her huſband's Patron cull the beſt.

XIV.

Her's be the care of all my little train,
While I with tender Indolence am bleſt,
The favourite ſubject of her gentle reign,
By love alone diſtinguiſh'd from the reſt.

XV.

For her I'll yoke my oxen to the plow,
In gloomy foreſts tend my lonely flock,
For her a goat-herd climb the mountain's brow,
And ſleep extended on the naked rock.

XVI.

Ah! what avails to preſs the ſtately bed,
And far from her 'midſt taſteleſs grandeur weep,
By marble fountains lay the penſive head,
And, while they murmur, ſtrive in vain to ſleep.

XVII.

DELIA alone can pleaſe, and never tire,
Exceed the paint of thought in true delight,
With her, enjoyment wakens new deſire,
And equal rapture glows thro' every night.

XVIII.

Beauty and worth, alone in her, contend
To charm the fancy, and to fix the mind:
In her, my wife, my miſtreſs, and my friend,
I taſte the joys of ſenſe and reaſon join'd.

XIX.

On her I'll gaze, when others loves are o'er,
And dying, preſs her with my clay-cold hand----
Thou weep'ſt already, as I were no more,
Nor can that gentle breaſt the thought withſtand.

XX.

Oh! when I die, my lateſt moments ſpare,
Nor let thy grief with ſharper torments kill,
Wound not thy cheeks, nor hurt that flowing hair,
Tho' I am dead my ſoul ſhall love thee ſtill.

XXI.

Oh quit the room, oh quit the deathful bed,
Or thou wilt die, ſo tender is thy heart!
O leave me, DELIA! ere thou ſee me dead,
Theſe weeping friends will do thy mournful part.

XXII.

Let them extended on the decent bier,
Convey the corſe in melancholy ſtate,
Thro' all the village ſpread the tender tear,
While pitying maids our wond'rous loves relate.

THE TEARS OF SCOTLAND.

WRITTEN IN THE YEAR MDCCXLVI.

I.

MOURN, hapleſs CALEDONIA, mourn
Thy baniſh'd peace, thy laurels torn!
Thy ſons, for valour long renown'd,
Lie ſlaughter'd on their native ground;
Thy hoſpitable roofs no more,
Invite the ſtranger to the door;
In ſmoaky ruins ſunk they lie,
The monuments of cruelty.

II.

The wretched owner ſees afar
His all become the prey of war;
Bethinks him of his babes and wife,
Then ſmites his breaſt, and curſes life.
Thy ſwains are famiſh'd on the rocks,
Where once they fed their wanton flocks:
Thy raviſh'd virgins ſhriek in vain;
Thy infants periſh on the plain.

III.

What boots it then, in every clime,
Thro' the wide ſpreading waſte of time,
Thy martial glory, crown'd with praiſe,
Still ſhone with undiminiſh'd blaze?
Thy tow'ring ſpirit now is broke,
Thy neck is bended to the yoke.
What foreign arms could never quell,
By civil rage, and rancour fell.

IV.

The rural pipe, and merry lay
No more ſhall chear the happy day:
No ſocial ſcenes of gay delight
Beguile the dreary winter night:
No ſtrains, but thoſe of ſorrow flow,
And nought be heard but ſounds of woe;
While the pale phantoms of the ſlain
Glide nightly, o'er the ſilent plain.

V.

Oh baneful cauſe, oh! fatal morn,
Accurs'd to ages yet unborn!
The ſons, againſt their fathers ſtood,
The parent ſhed his children's blood.
Yet, when the rage of battle ceas'd,
The victor's ſoul was not appeas'd:
The naked and forlorn muſt feel
Devouring flames, and murd'ring ſteel!

VI.

The pious mother doom'd to death,
Forſaken, wanders o'er the heath,
The bleak wind whiſtles round her head,
Her helpleſs orphans cry for bread,
Bereft of ſhelter, food, and friend,
She views the ſhades of night deſcend,
And ſtretch'd beneath th' inclement ſkies,
Weeps o'er her tender babes and dies.

VII.

Whilſt the warm blood bedews my veins,
And unimpair'd remembrance reigns;
Reſentment of my country's fate,
Within my filial breaſt ſhall beat;
And, ſpite of her inſulting foe,
My ſympathizing verſe ſhall ſhall flow,
"Mourn, hapleſs CALEDONIA, mourn
"Thy baniſh'd peace, thy laurels torn."

AN ELEGY.

WRITTEN IN A COUNTRY CHURCH YARD.

THE Curfeu tolls, the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd winds ſlowly o'er the lea,
The plowman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkneſs, and to me.

Now fades the glimmering landſcape on the ſight,
And all the air a ſolemn ſtillneſs holds;
Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,
Or drowſy tinklings lull the diſtant folds.

Save, that from yonder ivy-mantled tow'r
The mopeing owl does to the moon complain
Of ſuch, as wand'ring near her ſecret bow'r,
Moleſt her ancient ſolitary reign.

Beneath thoſe rugged elms, that yew-tree's ſhade,
Where heaves the turf in many a mould'ring heap,
Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,
The rude forefather's of the hamlet ſleep.

The breezy call of incenſe-breathing morn,
The ſwallow twitt'ring from the ſtraw-built ſhed,
The cock's ſhrill clarion, or the echoing horn,
No more ſhall rouze them from their lowly bed.

For them no more the blazing hearth ſhall burn,
Or buſy houſewife ply her ev'ning care:
No children run to liſp their ſire's return,
Or climb his knees the envied kiſs to ſhare.

Oft did the harveſt to their ſickle yield,
Their furrow oft the ſtubborn glebe has broke;
How jocund did they drive their team afield!
How bow'd the woods beneath their ſturdy ſtroke!

Let not ambition mock their uſeful toil,
Their homely joy, and deſtiny obſcure;
Nor grandeur hear with a diſdainful ſmile,
The ſhort and ſimple annals of the poor.

The boaſts of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike th' inevitable hour,
The paths of glory, lead but to the grave.

Forgive, ye proud, the involuntary fault,
If memory to theſe no trophies raiſe,
Where thro' the long-drawn iſle and fretted vault,
The pealing anthem ſwells the note of praiſe.

Can ſtoried urn, or animated buſt
Back to its manſion call the fleeting breath?
Can honour's voice provoke the ſilent duſt,
Or Flatt'ry ſooth the dull cold ear of death?

Perhaps in this neglected ſpot is laid
Some heart once pregnant with celeſtial fire,
Hands that the reins of empire might have ſway'd,
Or wak'd to extaſy the living lyre.

But Knowledge to their eyes her ample page
Rich with the ſpoils of time did ne'er unroll;
Chill penury repreſs'd their noble rage,
And froze the genial current of the ſoul.

Full many a gem of pureſt ray ſerene,
The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear:
Full many a flower is born to bluſh unſeen,
And waſte its ſweetneſs on the deſart air.

Some village-HAMPDEN that with dauntleſs breaſt
The little tyrant of his fields withſtood:
Some mute inglorious MILTON here may reſt,
Some CROMWELL guiltleſs of his country's blood.

Th' applauſe of liſt'ning ſenates to command,
The threats of pain and ruin to deſpiſe,
To ſcatter plenty o'er a ſmiling land,
And read their hiſt'ry in a nation's eyes

Their lot forbad: nor circumſcrib'd alone
Their growing virtues, but their crimes confin'd;
Forbad to wade through ſlaughter to a throne,
And ſhut the gates of mercy on mankind,

The ſtruggling pangs of conſcious truth to hide,
To quench the bluſhes of ingenuous ſhame,
Or heap the ſhrine of luxury and pride
With incenſe, kindled at the muſe's flame.

Far from the madding crowd's ignoble ſtrife,
Their ſober wiſhes never learn'd to ſtray;
Along the cool ſequeſter'd vale of life,
They kept the noiſeleſs tenor of their way.

Yet ev'n theſe bones from inſult to protect
Some frail memorial ſtill erected nigh,
With uncouth rhimes and ſhapeleſs ſculpture deck'd,
Implores the paſſing tribute of a ſigh.

Their name, their years, ſpelt by th' unletter'd muſe,
The place of fame and elegy ſupply,
And many a holy text around ſhe ſtrews,
That teach the ruſtic moraliſt to dye.

For who to dumb forgetfulneſs a prey,
This pleaſing anxious being e'er reſign'd,
Left the warm precincts of the chearful day,
Nor caſt one longing, ling'ring look behind?

On ſome fond breaſt the parting ſoul relies,
Some pious drops the cloſing eye requires;
E'en from the tomb the voice of nature cries,
Still in their aſhes live their wonted fires.

For thee, who mindful of th' unhonour'd dead
Doſt in theſe lines their artleſs tale relate;
If chance, by lonely contemplation led,
Some kindred ſpirit ſhall enquire thy fate,

Haply ſome hoary-headed ſwain may ſay,
'Oft have we ſeen him at the peep of dawn
'Bruſhing with haſty dews away,
'To meet the ſun upon the upland lawn.

'There at the foot of yonder nodding beech
'That wreathes its old fantaſtic roots ſo high,
'His liſtleſs length at noontide wou'd he ſtretch,
'And pore upon the brook that babbles by.

'Hard by yon wood, now ſmiling as in ſcorn,
'Mutt'ring his wayward fancies he would rove,
'Now drooping, woeful wan, like one forlorn,
'Or craz'd with care, or croſs'd in hopeleſs love.

' One morn I miſs'd him on the cuſtom'd hill,
' Along the heath, and near his fav'rite tree;
' Another came; nor yet beſide the rill,
' Nor up the lawn, nor at the wood was he.
The next with dirges due in ſad array,
' Slow thro' the church-way path we ſaw him borne.
' Approach and read (for thou canſt read) the lay,
' Grav'd on the ſtone beneath yon aged thorn.
' There ſcatter'd oft, the earlieſt of the year,
' By hands unſeen, are ſhow'rs of violets found;
' The red-breaſt loves to build and warble there,
' And little footſteps lightly print the ground.

THE EPITAPH.

" Here reſts his head upon the lap of earth
" A youth to fortune and to fame unknown:
" Fair Science frown'd not on his humble birth,
" And Melancholy mark'd him for her own.
" Large was his bounty, and his ſoul ſincere,
" Heav'n did a recompence as largely ſend:
" He gave to mis'ry (all he had) a tear;
" He gain'd from heav'n ('twas all he wiſh'd) a friend.
" No farther ſeek his merits to diſcloſe,
" Or draw his frailties from their dread abode,
" (There they alike in trembling hope repoſe)
" The boſom of his father and his God.

ON THE DEATH OF

FREDERIC PRINCE OF WALES.

WRITTEN AT PARIS, BY DAVID LORD VISCOUNT STORMONT, OF CH. CH. OXON.

LITTLE I whilom deem'd my artleſs zeal
Should woo the Britiſh Muſe in foreign land
To ſtrains of bitter argument, and teach
The mimic Nymph, that haunts the winding verge
And oozy current of Pariſian Seine,
To ſyllable new ſounds in accents ſtrange.
But ſad occaſion calls: who now forbears
The laſt kind office? who but conſecrates
His off'ring at the ſhrine of fair Renown
To gracious FREDERIC rais'd; tho' but compos'd
Of the waſte flourets, whoſe neglected hues
Chequer the lonely hedge, or mountain ſlope?
Where are thoſe hopes, where fled th' illuſive ſcenes
That forgeful fancy plan'd, what time the bark
Stem'd the ſalt wave from Albion's chalky bourn?
Then filial Piety and parting Love
Pour'd the fond pray'r; "Farewell, ye leſſ'ning
"cliffs,

" Fairer to me, than ought in fabled ſong
" Or myſtic record told of ſhores Atlantic!
" Favour'd of heav'n, farewell! imperial iſle,
" Native to nobleſt wits, and beſt approv'd
" In manly ſcience, and advent'rous deed!
" Celeſtial Freedom, by rude hand eſtrang'd
" From regions once frequented, with Thee takes
" Her ſtedfaſt ſtation, faſt beſide the throne
" Of ſcepter'd Rule, and there her ſtate maintains
" In ſocial concord, and harmonious love.
" Theſe bleſſings ſtill be thine, nor meddling fiend
" Stir in your buſy ſtreets foul Faction's roar;
" Still thrive your growing works, and gales propitious
" Viſit your ſons who ride the watry waſte;
" And ſtill be heard from forth your gladſome bow'rs
" Shrill tabor-pipes, and ev'ry peaceful ſound.
" Nor vain the wiſh, while GEORGE the golden ſcale
" With ſteady prudence holds, and temp'rate ſway.
" And when his courſe of earthly honours run,
" With lenient hand ſhall FREDERIC ſooth your care,
" Rich in each princely quality, mature
" In years, and happieſt in nuptial choice.
" Thence too ariſe new hopes, a playful troop
" Circles his hearth, ſweet pledges of that bed,
" Which Faith, and Joy, and thouſand Virtues guard.
" His be the care t' inform their ductile minds
" With worthieſt thoughts, and point the ways of honour.

" How often ſhall he hear with freſh delight
" Their earneſt tales, or watch their riſing paſſions
" With timorous attention; then ſhall tell
" Of juſtice, fortitude and public weal,
" And oft the while each rigid precept ſmooth
" With winning tokens of parental love!"
Thus my o'erweening heart the ſecret ſtores
Of Britain's hope explor'd, while my ſtrain'd ſight
Purſued her fading hills, till wrapt in miſt
They gently ſunk beneath the ſwelling tide.
Nor ſlept thoſe thoughts, whene'er in other climes
I mark'd the cruel waſte of foul oppreſſion,
Saw nobleſt ſpirits, and goodlieſt faculties,
To vaſſalage and loathſome ſervice bound.
Then conſcious preference roſe; then northward turn'd
My eye, to gratulate my natal ſoil.
How have I chid with froward eagerneſs
Each veering blaſt, that from my hand witheld
The well known characters of ſome lov'd friend,
Tho' diſtant, not unmindful? Still I learn'd
Delighted, what each patriot plan devis'd
Of arts, or glory, or diffuſive commerce,
Nor wanted its endearment every tale
Of lighteſt import. But oh! heavy change,
What notices come now? Diſtracted ſcenes
Of helpleſs ſorrow, ſolemn ſad accounts;
How fair AUGUSTA watch'd the weary night

Tending the bed of anguiſh; how great GEORGE
Wept with his infant progeny around;
How heav'd the orphan's and the widow's ſigh,
That follow'd FREDERIC to the ſilent tomb.
For well was FREDERIC lov'd; and well deſerv'd:
His voice was ever ſweet, and on his ſteps
Attended ever the alluring grace
Of gentle lowlineſs and ſocial zeal.
Him ſhall remember oft the labour'd hind,
Relating to his mates each caſual act
Of courteous bounty. Him th' artificer,
Plying the varied woof in ſullen ſadneſs,
Tho' wont to carrol many a ditty ſweet.
Soon too the mariner, who many moons
Has counted, beating ſtill the foamy ſurge,
And treads at laſt the wiſh'd-for beach, ſhall ſtand
Appall'd at the ſad tale, and ſoon ſhall ſteal
Down his rough cheek th' involuntary tear.
Be this our ſolace yet, all is not dead;
The bright memorial lives: for his example
Shall Hymen trim his torch, domeſtic praiſe
Be countenanc'd, and virtue fairer ſhew.
In age ſucceeding, when another GEORGE,
To ratify ſome weighty ordinance
Of Britain's peers conven'd, ſhall paſs beſide
Thoſe hallow'd ſpires, whoſe gloomy vaults encloſe,
Shrouded in ſleep, pale rows of ſcepter'd kings,
Oft to his ſenſe the ſweet paternal voice

And long-remember'd features ſhall return;
Then ſhall his generous breaſt be new inflam'd
To acts of higheſt worth, and higheſt fame.
Theſe plaintive ſtrains from ALBION far away,
I lonely meditate at even-tide;
Nor ſkill'd nor ſtudious of the raptur'd lay;
But ſtill remembring oft the magic ſounds,
Well-meaſur'd to the chime of Dorian lute,
Or paſt'ral ſtop, which erſt I lov'd to hear
On Isis' broider'd mead, where dips by fits
The ſtooping oſier in her haſty ſtream.
Hail WOLSEY's ſpacious dome! hail, ever fam'd
For faithful nurture, and truth's ſacred lore,
Much honour'd parent! You my duteous zeal
Accept, if haply in thy laureat wreath
You deign to interweave this humble ſong.

ON THE SAME.

BY MR. JAMES CLITHEROW OF ALL SOULS COLL.

I.

'TWAS on the evening of that gloomy day,
When FREDERIC, ever lov'd, and ever mourn'd,
(Such heav'n's high will, and who ſhall diſobey?)
To earth's cold womb in holy pomp return'd:

II.

With ſullen ſounds, the death-denouncing bell
Proclaim'd aloud the diſmal tale of woe,
The pealing organ join'd the ſolemn knell,
In mournful notes, majeſtically flow.

III.

The full-voic'd choir, in ſtoles of pureſt white,
With frequent pauſe, the ſoul-felt anthem raiſe;
While o'er the walls in darkeſt ſable dight,
A thouſand tapers pour'd their holy blaze.

IV.

In high devotion wrapt, the mitred ſage,
With energy ſublime, the rites began;
While tears from every ſex, and every age,
Bewail'd the prince, the father, and the man.

V.

" Who, when our ſov'reign liege to fate ſhall yield,
" Shall prop, like him, Britannia's falling ſtate?
" Who now the vengeful ſword of juſtice wield,
" Or ope, like him, ſweet Mercy's golden gate?

VI.

" Who ſhall to Arts their priſtine honours bring,
" Rear from the duſt fair Learning's laurell'd head,
" Or bid rich commerce plume her daring wing?
" Arts, Learning, Commerce are in FREDERIC dead.

VII.

" Who now ſhall tend, with fond, paternal care,
" The future guardians of our faith and laws?
" Who teach their breaſts with patriot worth to dare,
" And die with ardour, in Britannia's cauſe?

VIII.

" And who, ah! who, with ſoft endearing lore,
" Shall ſooth, like him, the royal mourner's breaſt?
" Her lord, her life, her FREDERIC is no more."—
Deep groans and bitter wailings ſpeak the reſt.

IX.

Then, when at length the awful ſcene was clos'd,
And duſt to duſt in holy hope conſign'd;
All to their ſilent homes their ſteps diſpos'd,
To feed on ſolitary woe the mind;

X.

All but Lorenzo;—he with grief diſmay'd;
Nor heeding ought but FREDERIC's hapleſs fate,
Muſing along the cloyſter'd temple ſtray'd,
Till lonely midnight clos'd th' impervious gate.

XI.

But when each lamp by ſlow degrees expir'd,
And total night aſſumes her ſilent reign,
Sudden he ſtarts, with wild amazement fir'd,
And big with horror traverſes the fane.

XII.

The vaulted manſions of th' illuſtrious dead
Inſpire his ſhudd'ring ſoul with ghaſtly fears,
Dire ſhapes, and beck'ning ſhades around him tread,
And hollow voices murmur in his ears.

XIII.

There, as around the monumental maze
Darkling he wanders, a reſplendent gleam
Shoots o'er th' illumin'd iſle a diſtant blaze,
Pale as the glow-worm's fire, or Cynthia's beam.

XIV.

With glory clad, th' imperial ſhrines among,
Four royal ſhapes on iv'ry thrones were plac'd,
High o'er their heads four airy diadems hung,
Which never yet their maiden brows had grac'd.

XV.

The firſt was he, whom CRESSY's glorious plain
Has fam'd for martial deeds and bold emprize;
Nor leſs his praiſe in Virtue's milder ſtrain,
Juſt, humble, learned, merciful and wiſe.

XVI.

Next ARTHUR ſat, at whoſe auſpicious birth
In one ſweet flower the blended roſes join'd;
And HENRY next, fair plant of Scottiſh earth,
The hope, the joy of ALBION and mankind.

XVII.

Yet green in death, the laſt majeſtic ſhade
Wore gracious FREDERIC's mild, endearing look;
To him the reſt obeyſance courteous paid,
And EDWARD thus the princely form beſpoke:

XVIII.

" All hail! illuſtrious partner of our fate,
" For whom, as once for us, Britannia bleeds;
" Hail! to the manſions of the good and great,
" Where crowns immortal wait on virtuous deeds.

XIX.

" The fame our fortune, as our worth the fame,
" (To worth like ours ſhort date doth heav'n aſſign)
" As one our fortune, one ſhall be our fame,
" And long record our deathleſs names ſhall join.

XX.

" But oh! I tremble for Britannia's ſtate,
" May guardian pow'rs avert the dire preſage!
" For well ſhe knows, at our untimely fate
" How heav'n's dread vengeance ſmote each
" ſinful age.

XXI.

" The regal ſtaff aſpiring BOLINGBROKE
" Snatch'd with rude graſp from RICHARD's
" princely hand;
" Loos'd from hell's confines, civil Diſcord ſhook
" The dubious throne, and tore the bleeding land.

XXIII.

" When ARTHUR died, imperious HENRY's thirſt
" Of ſubject's blood, nor heeded ſex nor age;
" His wives a ſacrifice to vagrant luſt,
" His nobles victims to tyrannic rage.

XXIV.

" When pious CHARLES in right fraternal reign'd,
" Rebellion proudly ſtalk'd from ſhore to ſhore,
" Her laws, her rights, her holy faith profan'd,
" And dy'd the guilty land with royal gore.

XXV.

" Yet ah! may pity move relenting heav'n!
" Enough ſhe groans beneath her preſent woe;

" Enough to vengeance is already given;
" Her FREDERIC's dead;—there needs no other
" blow."

XXVI.

Scarce had he ſpoken, when the bird of day
'Gan morn's approach with clarion ſhrill declare,
At once th' unbodied phantoms fade away,
The fond illuſion all diſſolves in air.

ODE

ON THE

APPROACH OF SUMMER.

BY A GENTLEMAN FORMERLY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

Te dea, te fugiunt venti, te nubila cœli,
Adventumque tuum; tibi ſuaveis dædala tellus
Submittit flores; tibi rident æquora ponti;
Placatumque nitet diffuſo lumine cœlum.

LUCRETIUS.

HENCE, iron-ſcepter'd WINTER, haſte
To bleak Siberian waſte!
Haſte to thy polar ſolitude;
Mid cataracts of ice,
Whoſe torrents dumb are ſtretch'd in fragments rude,
From many an airy precipice,
Where, ever beat by ſleety ſhow'rs,
Thy gloomy Gothic caſtle tow'rs;
Amid whoſe howling iles and halls,
Where no gay ſunbeam paints the walls,

On ebon throne thou lov'ſt to ſhroud,
Thy brows in many a murky cloud.
E'en now, before the vernal heat,
Sullen I ſee thy train retreat:
Thy ruthleſs hoſt ſtern EURUS guides,
That on a ravenous tiger rides,
Dim-figur'd on whoſe robe are ſhewn
Shipwrecks, and villages o'erthrown:
Grim AUSTER, dropping all with dew,
In mantle clad of watchet hue:
And COLD, like Zemblan ſavage ſeen,
Still threatening with his arrows keen;
And next, in furry coat emboſt
With icicles, his brother FROST.
WINTER farewell! thy foreſts hoar,
Thy frozen floods delight no more;
Farewell the fields, ſo bare and wild!
But come thou roſe-cheek'd cherub mild,
Sweeteſt SUMMER! haſte thee here,
Once more to crown the gladden'd year.
Thee APRIL blythe, as long of yore,
Bermudas' lawns he frolick'd o'er,
With muſkie nectar-trickling wing,
(In the new world's firſt dawning ſpring,)
To gather balm of choiceſt dews,
And patterns fair of various hues,
With which to paint in changeful dye,
The youthful earth's embroidery;

To cull the eſſence of rich ſmells
In which to dip his new-born bells;
Thee, as he ſkim'd with pinions fleet,
He found an infant, ſmiling ſweet;
Where a tall citron's ſhade imbrown'd
The ſoft lap of the fragrant ground.
There on an amaranthine bed,
Thee with rare nectarine fruits he fed;
Till ſoon beneath his forming care,
You bloom'd a goddeſs debonnair;
And then he gave the bleſſed iſle
Aye to be ſway'd beneath thy ſmile:
There plac'd thy green and graſſy ſhrine,
With myrtle bower'd and jeſſamine:
And to thy care the taſk aſſign'd
With quickening hand, and nurture kind,
His roſeate infant-births to rear,
Till Autumn's mellowing reign appear.
Haſte thee nymph! and hand in hand,
With thee lead a buxom band;
Bring fantaſtic-footed Joy,
With Sport that yellow-treſſed boy.
Leiſure, that through the balmy ſky,
Chaſes a crimſon butterfly.
Bring Health that loves in early dawn
To meet the milk-maid on the lawn;
Bring Pleaſure, rural nymph, and Peace,
Meek, cottage-loving ſhepherdeſs!

And that ſweet ſtripling, Zephyr, bring,
Light, and for ever on the wing.
Bring the dear Muſe, that loves to lean
On river-margins, moſſy green.
But who is ſhe, that bears thy train,
Pacing light the velvet plain?
The pale pink binds her auburn hair,
Her treſſes flow with paſtoral air;
'Tis May the Grace——confeſt ſhe ſtands
By branch of hawthorn in her hands:
Lo! near her trip the lightſome Dews,
Their wings all ting'd in iris-hues;
With whom the pow'rs of Flora play,
And paint with panſies all the way.
Oft when thy ſeaſon, ſweeteſt Queen,
Has dreſt the groves in liv'ry green;
When in each fair and fertile field
Beauty begins her bow'r to build;
While Evening, veil'd in ſhadows brown,
Puts her matron-mantle on,
And miſts in ſpreading ſteams convey
More freſh the fumes of new-ſhorn hay;
Then, Goddeſs, guide my pilgrim feet
Contemplation hoar to meet,
As ſlow he winds in muſeful mood,
Near the ruſh'd marge of CHERWELL's flood;
Or o'er old AVON's magic edge,
Whence Shakeſpeare cull'd the ſpiky ſedge,

All playful yet, in years unripe,
To frame a ſhrill and ſimple pipe.
There thro' the duſk but dimly ſeen,
Sweet ev'ning objects intervene:
His wattled cotes the ſhepherd plants,
Beneath her elm the milk-maid chants.
The woodman, ſpeeding home, awhile
Reſts him at a ſhady ſtile.
Nor wants there fragrance to diſpenſe
Refreſhment o'er my ſoothed ſenſe;
Nor tangled woodbines balmy bloom,
Nor graſs beſprent, to breathe perfume:
Nor lurking wild-thyme's ſpicy ſweet
To bathe in dew my roving feet:
Nor wants there note of Philomel,
Nor ſound of diſtant-tinkling bell:
Nor lowings faint of herds remote,
Nor maſtiff's bark from boſom'd cott:
Ruſtle the breezes lightly borne
Or deep-embattel'd ears of corn:
Round ancient elm, with humming noiſe,
Full loud the chaffer-ſwarms rejoice.
Meantime, a thouſand dies inveſt
The ruby chambers of the Weſt!
That all aſlant the village tow'r
A mild reflected radiance pour,
While, with the level-ſtreaming rays
Far ſeen its arched windows blaze:

And the tall grove's green top is dight
In ruſſet tints, and gleams of light:
So that the gay ſcene by degrees
Bathes my blythe heart in extaſies;
And Fancy to my raviſh'd ſight
Pourtrays her kindred viſions bright.
At length the parting light ſubdues
My ſoften'd ſoul to calmer views,
And fainter ſhapes of penſive joy,
As twilight dawns, my mind employ,
Till from the path I fondly ſtray
In muſings lapt, nor heed the way;
Wandering thro' the landſcape ſtill,
Till Melancholy has her fill;
And on each moſs-wove border damp,
The glow-worm hangs his fairy lamp.
But when the Sun, at noon-tide hour,
Sits throned in his higheſt tow'r;
Me, heart-rejoicing Goddeſs, lead
To the tann'd hay-cock in the mead:
To mix in rural mood among
The nymphs and ſwains, a buſy throng;
Or, as the tepid odours breathe,
The ruſſet piles to lean beneath:
There as my liſtleſs limbs are thrown
On couch more ſoft than palace down;
I liſten to the buſy ſound
Of mirth and toil that hums around;

And ſee the team ſhrill-tinkling paſs,
Alternate o'er the furrow'd graſs.
But ever, after ſummer-ſhow'r,
When the bright ſun's returning pow'r,
With laughing beam has chas'd the ſtorm,
And chear'd reviving nature's form;
By ſweet-brier hedges, bath'd in dew,
Let me my wholſome path purſue;
There iſſuing forth the frequent ſnail,
Wears the dank way with ſlimy trail,
While as I walk, from pearled buſh,
The ſunny-ſparkling drop I bruſh;
And all the landſcape fair I view
Clad in robe of freſher hue:
And ſo loud the black-bird ſings,
That far and near the valley rings.
From ſhelter deep of ſhaggy rock
The ſhepherd drives his joyful flock;
From bowering beech the mower blythe
With new-born vigour graſps the ſcythe;
While o'er the ſmooth unbounded meads
His laſt faint gleam the rainbow ſpreads.
But ever againſt reſtleſs heat,
Bear me to the rock-arch'd ſeat,
O'er whoſe dim mouth an ivy'd oak
Hangs nodding from the low-brow'd rock;
Haunted by that chaſte nymph alone,
Whoſe waters cleave the ſmoothed ſtone;

Which, as they guſh upon the ground,
Still ſcatter miſty dews around:
A ruſtic, wild, groteſque alcove,
Its ſide with mantling woodbines wove;
Cool as the cave where Clio dwells,
Whence Helicon's freſh fountain wells;
Or noon-tide grott where Sylvan ſleeps
In hoar Lycæum's piny ſteeps.

Me, Goddeſs, in ſuch cavern lay,
While all without is ſcorch'd in day;
Sore ſighs the weary ſwain, beneath
His with'ring hawthorn on the heath;
The drooping hedger wiſhes eve,
In vain, of labour ſhort reprieve!
Meantime, on Afric's glowing ſands
Smote with keen heat, the trav'ler ſtands:
Low ſinks his heart, while round his eye
Meaſures the ſcenes that boundleſs lie,
Ne'er yet by foot of mortal worn,
Where Thirſt, wan pilgrim, walks forlorn.
How does he wiſh ſome cooling wave
To ſlake his lips, or limbs to lave!
And thinks, in every whiſper low,
He hears a burſting fountain flow.

Or bear me to yon antique wood,
Dim temple of ſage Solitude!
But ſtill in fancy's mirror ſeen
Some more romantic ſcene would pleaſe,

There within a nook moſt dark,
Where none my muſing mood may mark;
Let me in many a whiſper'd rite
The Genius old of Greece invite,
With that fair wreath my brows to bind,
Which for his choſen imps he twin'd,
Well nurtur'd in Pierian lore,
On clear Iliſſus' laureat ſhore.——
Till high on waving neſt reclin'd,
The raven wakes my tranced mind!
Or to the foreſt-fringed vale
Where widow'd turtles love to wail,
Where cowſlips clad in mantle meek,
Nod their tall heads to breezes weak:
In the midſt, with ſedges grey
Crown'd, a ſcant riv'let winds its way,
And trembling thro' the weedy wreaths,
Around an oozy freſhneſs breathes.
O'er the ſolitary green,
Nor cott, nor loitering hind is ſeen:
Nor aught alarms the mute repoſe,
Save that by fits an heifer lows:
A ſcene might tempt ſome peaceful ſage
To rear him a lone hermitage;
Fit place his penſive eld might chuſe
On virtue's holy lore to muſe.
Yet ſtill the ſultry noon t' appeaſe
Some more romantic ſcene might pleaſe;

Or fairy bank, or magic lawn,
By Spenſer's laviſh pencil drawn.
Or bow'r in Vallambroſa's ſhade,
By legendary pens pourtray'd.
Haſte let me ſhroud from painful light,
On that hoar hill's aereal height,
In ſolemn ſtate, where waving wide,
Thick pines with darkening umbrage hide
The rugged vaults, and riven tow'rs
Of that proud caſtle's painted bow'rs,
Whence HARDYKNUTE, a baron bold,
In Scotland's martial days of old,
Deſcended from the ſtately feaſt,
Begirt with many a warrior-gueſt,
To quell the pride of Norway's king,
With quiv'ring lance and twanging ſtring.
As thro' the caverns dim I wind,
Might I that holy legend find,
By fairies ſpelt in myſtic rhimes,
To teach enquiring later times,
What open force, or ſecret guile,
Daſh'd into duſt the ſolemn pile.
But when mild Morn in ſaffron ſtole
Firſt iſſues from her eaſtern goal;
Let not my due feet fail to climb
Some breezy ſummit's brow ſublime,
Whence nature's univerſal face,
Illumin'd ſmiles with new-born grace;

The miſty ſtreams that wind below,
With ſilver-ſparkling luſtre glow;
The groves, and caſtled cliffs appear
Inveſted all in radiance clear;
O! every village-charm beneath!
The ſmoke that mounts in azure wreath!
O beauteous, rural interchange!
The ſimple ſpire, and elmy grange!
CONTENT, indulging bliſsful hours,
Whiſtles o'er the fragrant flow'rs,
And cattle rouz'd to paſture new,
Shake jocund from their ſides the dew.
'Tis thou, alone, O SUMMER mild,
Canſt bid me carol wood-notes wild:
Whene'er I view thy genial ſcenes:
Thy waving woods, embroider'd greens;
What fires within my boſom wake,
How glows my mind the reed to take!
What charms like thine the muſe can call,
With whom 'tis youth and laughter all;
With whom each field's a paradiſe,
And all the globe a Bow'r of bliſs!
With thee converſing, all the day,
I meditate my lightſome lay.
Theſe pedant cloiſters let me leave,
To breathe my votive ſong at eve,
In valleys where mild whiſpers uſe;
Of ſhade and ſtream, to court the muſe;

While wand'ring o'er the brook's dim verge,
I hear the ſtock-dove's dying dirge.
But when life's buſier ſcene is o'er,
And Age ſhall give the treſſes hoar,
I'd fly ſoft Luxury's marble dome,
And make an humble thatch my home,
Which ſloaping hills around encloſe,
Where many a beech and brown oak grows;
Beneath whoſe dark and branching bow'rs
It's tides a far-fam'd river pours:
By nature's beauties taught to pleaſe,
Sweet Tuſculane of rural eaſe!
Still grot of Peace! in lowly ſhed
Who loves to reſt her gentle head.
For not the ſcenes of Attic art
Can comfort care, or ſooth the heart:
Nor burning cheek, nor wakeful eye,
For gold, and Tyrian purple fly.
Thither, kind heav'n, in pity lent,
Send me a little, and content;
The faithful friend, and chearful night,
The ſocial ſcene of dear delight:
The conſcience pure, the temper gay,
The muſing eve, and idle day.
Give me beneath cool ſhades to ſit,
Rapt with the charms of claſſic wit:
To catch the bold heroic flame,
That built immortal Græcia's fame.

Nor let me fail, meantime, to raiſe
The ſolemn ſong to Britain's praiſe:
To ſpurn the ſhepherd's ſimple reeds
And paint heroic ancient deeds:
To chaunt fam'd ARTHUR's magic tale,
And EDWARD, ſtern in ſable mail.
Or wand'ring BRUTUS' lawleſs doom,
Or brave BONDUCA, ſcourge of Rome;

O ever to ſweet Poeſie,
Let me live true votary!
She ſhall lead me by the hand,
Queen of ſweet ſmiles, and ſolace bland!
She from her precious ſtores ſhall ſhed
Ambroſial flow'rets o'er my head:
She, from my tender youthful cheek,
Can wipe, with lenient finger meek,
The ſecret and unpitied tear,
Which ſtill I drop in darkneſs drear.
She ſhall be my blooming bride,
With her, as years ſucceſſive glide,
I'll hold divineſt dalliance,
For ever held in hoſy trance.

A PASTORAL IN THE MANNER OF SPENSER.

FROM THEOCRITUS. IDYLL. XX.

BY THE SAME.

I.

AS late I ſtrove LUCILLA's lip to kiſs,
She with diſcurteſee reprov'd my will;
Doſt thou, ſhe ſaid, affect ſo pleaſaunt bliſs,
A ſimple ſhepherd, and a loſell vile?
Not Fancy's hand ſhould join my courtly lip
To thine, as I myſelf were faſt aſleep.

II.

As thus ſhe ſpake, full proud and boaſting laſſe,
And as a peacocke pearke, in dalliance
She bragly turned her ungentle face,
And all diſdaining ey'd my ſhape aſkaunce:
But I did bluſh, with grief and ſhame yblent,
Like morning-roſe with hoary dewe beſprent.

III.

Tell me, my fellows all, am I not fair?
Has fell enchantreſs blaſted all her charms?
Whilom mine head was ſleek with treſſed hayre,
My laughing eyne did ſhoot out love's alarms:
E'en KATE did deemen me the faireſt ſwain,,
When erſt I won this girdle on the plain.

IV.

My lip with vermil was embelliſhed,
My bagpipes notes loud and delicious were,
The milk-white lilly, and the roſe ſo red,
Did on my face depeinten lively cheere,
My voice as ſoote as mounting larke did ſhrill,
My look was blythe as MARGARET's at the mill.

V.

But ſhe forſooth, more fair than MADGE or KATE,
A dainty maid, did deign not ſhepherd's love;
Nor wiſt what THENOT told us ſwains of late;
That VENUS ſought a ſhepherd in a grove;
Nor that a heav'nly god who PHOEBUS hight,
To tend his flock with ſhepherds did delight.——

VI.

Ah! 'tis that VENUS with accurſt deſpight,
That all my dolour, and my ſhame has made!
Nor does remembrance of her own delight,
For me one drop of pity ſweet perſuade?
Aye hence the glowing rapture may ſhe miſs,
Like me be ſcorn'd, nor ever taſte a kiſs.

INSCRIBED

ON A BEAUTIFUL

GROTTO NEAR THE WATER.

I.

THE Graces fought in yonder ſtream,
To cool the fervid day,
When love's malicious godhead came,
And ſtole their robes away.

II.

Proud of the theft, the little god
Their robes bade DELIA wear;
While they, aſham'd to ſtir abroad,
Remain all naked here.

LOVE ELEGY.

BY MR. SMOLLET.

I.

WHere now are all my flatt'ring dreams of joy!
MONIMIA, give my ſoul her wonted reſt;—
Since firſt thy beauty fix'd my roving eye,
Heart-gnawing cares corrode my penſive breaſt.

II.

Let happy lovers fly where pleaſures call,
With feſtive ſongs beguile the fleeting hour;
Lead Beauty thro' the mazes of the ball,
Or preſs her wanton in love's roſeate bow'r.

III.

For me, no more I'll range th' empurpled mead,
Where ſhepherds pipe, and virgins dance around;
Nor wander thro' the woodbine's fragrant ſhade,
To hear the muſic of the grove reſound.

IV.

I'll ſeek ſome lonely church, or dreary hall,
Where fancy paints the glimm'ring taper blue,
Where damps hang mould'ring on the ivy'd wall,
And ſheeted ghoſts drink up the midnight dew:

V.

There leagu'd with hopeleſs anguiſh and deſpair,
Awhile in ſilence o'er my fate repine;
Then, with a long farewell to love and care,
To kindred duſt my weary limbs conſign.

VI.

Wilt thou, MONIMIA, ſhed a gracious tear
On the cold grave where all my ſorrows reſt?
Wilt thou ſtrew flow'rs, applaud my love ſincere,
And bid the turf lie light upon my breaſt!

A

PANEGYRIC

ON

OXFORD ALE.

BY A GENTLEMAN OF TRINITY COLL.

——— *Mea nec Falernæ*
Temperant vites, neque Formiani
Pocula colles. HORAT.

BALM of my cares, ſweet ſolace of my toils,
Hail JUICE benignant! O'er the coſtly cups
Of riot-ſtirring wine, unwholſome draught,
Let Pride's looſe ſons prolong the waſteful night;
My ſober ev'ning let the tankard bleſs,
With toaſt embrown'd, and fragrant nutmeg fraught,
While the rich draught with oft-repeated whiffs
Tobacco mild improves. Divine repaſt!

Where no crude ſurfeit, or intemperate joys
Of lawleſs Bacchus reign; but o'er my ſoul
A Calm Lethean creeps; in drowſy trance
Each thought ſubſides, and ſweet oblivion wraps
My peaceful brain, as if the leaden rod
Of magic Morpheus o'er mine eyes had ſhed
Its opiate influence. What tho' ſore ills
Oppreſs, dire want of chill-diſpelling coals
Or chearful candle, (ſave the make-weight's gleam
Haply remaining) heart-rejoicing ALE
Chears the ſad ſcene, and every want ſupplies.
Meantime, not mindleſs of the daily taſk
Of Tutor ſage, upon the learned leaves
Of deep SMIGLECIUS much I meditate;
While ALE inſpires, and lends its kindred aid,
The thought-perplexing labour to purſue,
Sweet Helicon of Logic! But if friends
Congenial call me from the toilſome page,
To pot-houſe I repair, the ſacred haunt,
Where ALE, thy votaries in full reſort,
Hold rites nocturnal. In capacious chair
Of monumental oak and antique mould,
That long has ſtood the rage of conquering years
Inviolate, (nor in more ample chair
Smoaks roſy Juſtice, when th' important cauſe,
Whether of hen-rooſt, or of mirthful rape,
In all the majeſty of paunch he tries)
Studious of eaſe, and provident, I place

My gladſome limbs; while in repeated round
Returns repleniſh'd, the ſucceſſive cup,
And the briſk fire conſpires to genial joy:
While haply, to relieve the ling'ring hours
In innocent delight, amuſive Putt
On ſmooth joint-ſtool in emblematic play
The vain viciſſitudes of fortune ſhews.
Nor reck'ning, name tremendous, me diſturbs,
Nor, call'd for, chills my breaſt with ſudden fear;
While on the wonted door, expreſſive mark,
The frequent penny ſtands deſcrib'd to view,
In ſnowy characters and graceful row.——
Hail, TICKING! ſureſt guardian of diſtreſs!
Beneath thy ſhelter pennyleſs I quaff
The chearful cup, nor hear with hopeleſs heart
New oyſters cry'd:—tho' much the poet's friend,
Ne'er yet attempted in poetic ſtrain,
Accept this tribute of poetic praiſe!——
Nor Proctor thrice with vocal heel alarms
Our joys ſecure, nor deigns the lowly roof
Of pot-houſe ſnug to viſit: wiſer he
The ſplendid tavern haunts, or coffee-houſe
Of JAMES or JUGGINS, where the grateful breath
Of loath'd tobacco ne'er diffus'd its balm;
But the lewd ſpendthrift, falſely deem'd polite,
While ſteams around the fragrant Indian bowl,
Oft damns the vulgar ſons of humbler ALE:
In vain——the Proctor's voice arreſts their joys;

Juſt fate of wanton pride and looſe exceſs!
Nor leſs by day delightful is thy draught,
All-pow'rful ALE! whoſe ſorrow-ſoothing ſweets
Oft I repeat in vacant afternoon,
When tatter'd ſtockings aſk my mending hand
Not unexperienc'd; while the tedious toil
Slides unregarded. Let the tender ſwain
Each morn regale on nerve-relaxing tea,
Companion meet of languor-loving nymph:
Be mine each morn with eager appetite
And hunger undiſſembled, to repair
To friendly buttery; there on ſmoaking cruſt
And foaming ALE to banquet unreſtrain'd,
Material breakfaſt! Thus in ancient days
Our anceſtors robuſt with liberal cups
Uſher'd the morn, unlike the ſqueamiſh ſons
Of modern times: Nor ever had the might
Of Britons brave decay'd, had thus they fed
With Britiſh ALE improving Britiſh worth.
With ALE irriguous, undiſmay'd I hear
The frequent dun aſcend my lofty dome
Importunate: whether the plaintive voice
Of laundreſs ſhrill awake my ſtartled ear;
Or barber ſpruce with ſupple look intrude;
Or taylor with obſequious bow advance;
Or groom invade me with defying front
And ſtern demeanour, whoſe emaciate ſteeds
(Whene'er or Phœbus ſhone with kindlier beams,

Or luckier chance the borrow'd boots ſupply'd)
Had panted oft beneath my goring ſteel.
In vain they plead or threat: All-pow'rful ALE
Excuſes new ſupplies, and each deſcends
With joyleſs pace, and debt-deſpairing looks:
E'en SPACEY with indignant brow retires,
Fierceſt of duns! and conquer'd quits the field.

Why did the gods ſuch various bleſſings pour
On hapleſs mortals, from their grateful hands
So ſoon the ſhort-liv'd bounty to recall?——
Thus, while improvident of future ill,
I quaff the luſcious tankard unreſtrain'd,
And thoughtleſs riot in unlicens'd bliſs;
Sudden (dire fate of all things excellent!)
Th' unpitying Burſar's croſs-affixing hand
Blaſts all my joys, and ſtops my glad career.
Nor now the friendly pot-houſe longer yields
A ſure retreat, when night o'erſhades the ſkies;
Nor SHEPPARD barbarous matron, longer gives
The wonted truſt, and WINTER ticks no more.

Thus ADAM, exil'd from the beauteous ſcenes
Of Eden griev'd, no more in fragrant bow'r
On fruits divine to feaſt, freſh ſhade or vale,
No more to viſit, or vine-mantled grot;
But, all forlorn, the dreary wilderneſs,
And unrejoicing ſolitudes to trace:
Thus too the matchleſs bard, whoſe lay reſounds
The SPLENDID SHILLING's praiſe, in nightly gloom

Of loneſome garret pin'd for chearful ALE;
Whoſe ſteps in verſe Miltonic I purſue,
Mean follower, like him with honeſt love
Of ALE divine inſpir'd, and love of ſong.
But long may bounteous heav'n with watchful care
Avert his hapleſs lot! Enough for me
That burning with congenial flame I dar'd
His guiding ſteps at diſtance to purſue,
And ſing his favorite theme in kindred ſtrains.

THE PROGRESS OF DISCONTENT.

BY THE SAME.

WHEN now, mature in claſſic knowledge,
The joyful youth is ſent to college,
His father comes, an humble ſuitor,
With bows and ſpeeches to his tutor,
" Sir, give me leave to recommend him,
" I'm ſure you cannot but befriend him;
" I'll warrant that his good behav'our
" Shall juſtify your future favour;
" And for his parts, to tell the truth,
" My ſon's a very forward youth;
" He's young indeed, but has a ſpirit,
" And wants but means, to ſhew his merit;
" Has *Horace* all by heart,—you'd wonder,
" And mouths out *Homer*'s greek like thunder.
" If you'd but venture to admit him,
" A ſcholarſhip would nicely fit him;
" That he ſucceeds 'tis ten to one,
" Your vote and intereſt, Sir,—'tis done."
Our candidate at length gets in,
A hopeful ſcholar of Coll. Trin.

A ſcholarſhip not half maintains,
And college-rules are heavy chains;
So ſcorning the late wiſh'd-for prize,
For a fat fellowſhip he ſighs.
When, nine full tedious winters paſt,
His utmoſt wiſh is crown'd at laſt;
That utmoſt wiſh no ſooner got,
Again he quarrels with his lot.—
" Theſe fellowſhips are pretty things,
" We live indeed like petty kings;
" But who can bear to ſpend his whole age
" Amid the dullneſs of a college;
" Debarr'd the common joys of life,
" And what is worſe than all—a wife!
" Would ſome ſnug benefice but fall,
" Ye feaſts, and gaudies, farewell all!
" To offices I'd bid adieu
" Of Dean, Vice-Præs,—nay Burſar too;
" Come tithes, come glebe, come fields ſo pleaſant,
" Come ſports, come partridge, hare and pheaſant."
Well—after waiting many a year,
A living falls,—two hundred clear.
With breaſt elate beyond expreſſion,
He hurries down to take poſſeſſion;
With rapture views the ſweet retreat,—
" What a convenient houſe! how neat!
" The garden how compleatly plann'd!
" And is all this at my command!

" For fuel here's good ſtore of wood,—
" Pray god, the cellars be but good!
Continuing this fantaſtic farce on,
He now commences country parſon;
To make his character entire,
He weds a———couſin of the 'ſquire;
Not over-weighty in the purſe;
But many doctors have done worſe.
Content at firſt,—he taps his barrel,
Exhorts his neighbours not to quarrel;
Finds his church-wardens have diſcerning
Both in good liquor and good learning;
With tythes his barns replete he ſees,
And chuckles o'er his ſurplice-fees;
Studies to find out latent dues,
Smokes with the 'ſquire,—and clips his yews;
Of Oxford pranks, facetious tells,
And, but on ſundays, hears no bells.
But ah! too ſoon his thoughtleſs breaſt
By cares domeſtic is oppreſt;
Each day ſome ſcene of woe commences
By new and unforeſeen expences;
And ſoon the butcher's bill, and brewing,
Threaten inevitable ruin;
For children more expences yet,
And Dickey now for ſchool is fit.
" Why did I ſell my college life
(He cries) " for benefice and wife!

" Oh could the days once more but come,
" When calm I ſmoak'd in common room,
" And din'd with breaſt untroubled, under
" The picture of our pious founder;
" When, for amuſement, my tyrannic
" Sway could put freſhmen in a pannic;
" When impoſitions were ſupplied
" To light my pipe—or ſooth my pride!
" No cares of family oppreſs'd me,
" Nor wife by day—nor night diſtreſs'd me.
" Each day receiv'd ſucceſſive pleaſure,
" Or ſpent in reading, or in leiſure;
" And every night I went to bed
" Without a chriſt'ning in my head."

O trifling head, and fickle heart!—
Chagrin'd at whatſoe'er thou art!
A dupe to follies yet untry'd,
And ſick of pleaſure's ſcarce enjoy'd;
Each prize obtain'd, thy rapture ceaſes,
And in the ſearch alone it pleaſes.

ODE *

TO

ARTHUR ONSLOW, ESQ;

I.

THIS goodly frame what virtue ſo approves,
And teſtifies the pure etherial ſpirit
As mild Benevolence?
She with her ſiſter Mercy ſtill awaits
Beſide th' eternal throne of Jove,
And meaſures forth with unwithdrawing hand
The bleſſings of the various year,
Sunſhine or ſhow'r, and chides the madding tempeſt.

II.

With her the heaven-bred nymph meek Charity,
Shall faſhion ONSLOW forth in faireſt portrait;
And with recording care
Weave the freſh wreath that flow'ring virtue claims.
But oh, what muſe ſhall join the band?
He long has ſojourn'd in the ſacred haunts,
And knows each whiſp'ring grot and glade
Trod by Apollo, and the light-foot Graces.

* This elegant Poem was written by a Gentleman well known in the Learned World, as a token of gratitude for favours conferred on his father, during the laſt war, whoſe character he has therein aſſumed.

III.

How then ſhall awkward gratitude
And the preſumption of untutor'd duty
Attune my numbers all too rude?
Little he recks the meed of ſuch a ſong;
Yet will I ſtretch aloof,
And when I tell of Courteſy,
Of well-attemper'd Zeal,
Of awful Prudence ſoothing fell Contention,
Where ſhall the lineaments agree
But in thee, ONSLOW? You, your wonted leave
Indulge me, nor miſdeem a Soldier's bold emprize;

IV.

Who in the diſſonance of barb'rous war,
Long train'd, reviſits oft the ſacred treaſures
Of antique memory;
Or where ſage Pindar reins his fiery car,
Through the vaſt vault of heaven ſecure,
Or what the Attic muſe that Homer fill'd,
Her other ſon, thy Milton taught,
Or range the flow'ry fields of gentle Spenſer.

V.

And ever as I go, allurements vain
Cheriſh a feeble fire, and feed my idle
Fancy: O cou'd I once
Charm to their melody my ſhrilling reeds!

To HENRYS and to EDWARDS old,
Dread names! I'd meditate the faithful ſong;
Or tell what time BRITANNIA,
Whilom the faireſt daughter of old Ocean,

VI.

In loathly diſarray, dull eyes,
And faded cheek, wept o'er her abject ſons:
Till WILLIAM, great deliverer,
Led on the comely train, gay Liberty,
Religion, matron ſtaid,
With all her kindred goddeſſes;
Juſtice with ſteady brow,
Trim Plenty, laureat Peace, and green-hair'd Commerce,
In flowing veſt of thouſand hues.
Fain would I ſhadow out old Bourbon's pile
Tott'ring with doubtful weight, and threat'ning cumbrous fall;

VII.

Or trace our navy, where in tow'ring pride
O'er the wide-ſwelling waſte it rolls avengeful.
As when collected clouds
Forth from the gloomy ſouth in deep array,
Athwart the dark'ning landſcape throng,
Fraught with loud ſtorms, and thunder's dreadful peal,

At which the murd'rer ſtands aghaſt,
And waſling Riot ill diſſembles terror.

VIII.

How headlong Rhone and Ebro erſt diſtain'd
With mooriſh carnage, quakes thro' all her branches!
Soon ſhall I greet the morn,
When, Europe ſav'd, BRITAIN and GEORGE's name
Shall ſound o'er Flandria's level field,
Familiar in domeſtic meriment;
Or by the jolly mariner
Be carol'd loud adown the echoing Danube.

IX.

The juſt memorial of fair deeds
Still flouriſhes, and like th' untainted ſoul
Bloſſoms in freſheſt age, above
The weary fleſh, and envy's rankling wound.
Such after years mature
In full account ſhall be thy meed.
O! may your riſing hope
Well principled in ev'ry virtue bloom!
Till a freſh-ſpringing flock implore
With infant hands a grandſire's pow'rful pray'r,
Or round your honour'd couch their prattling ſports perſue.

JOB, CHAPTER XXXIX.

BY A GENTLEMAN OF OXFORD.

DEclare, if heav'nly wiſdom bleſs thy tongue,
When teems the MOUNTAIN-GOAT with promis'd young;
The ſtated ſeaſons tell, the month explain,
When feels the bounding HIND a mother's pain;
While, in th' oppreſſive agonies of birth,
Silent they bow the ſorrowing head to earth?
Why crop their luſty ſeed the verdant food?
Why leave their dams, to ſearch the gloomy wood?
Say, whence the WILD-ASS wantons o'er the plain,
Sports uncontroul'd, unconſcious of the rein?
'Tis his o'er ſcenes of ſolitude to roam,
The waſte his houſe, the wilderneſs his home;
He ſcorns the crouded city's pomp and noiſe,
Nor heeds the driver's rod, nor hears his voice;
At will on ev'ry various verdure fed,
His paſture o'er the ſhaggy cliffs is ſpread.
Will the fierce UNICORN obey thy call,
Enſlav'd to man, and patient of the ſtall?
Say, will he ſtubborn ſtoop thy yoke to bear,
And thro' the furrow drag the tardy ſhare?

Say, canſt thou think, O wretch of vain belief,
His lab'ring limbs will draw thy weighty ſheaf?
Or canſt thou tame the temper of his blood
With faithful feet to trace the deſtin'd road?
Who paints the PEACOCK's train with radiant eyes,
And all the bright diverſity of dies?
Whoſe hand the ſtately OSTRICH has ſupply'd
With glorious plumage, and her ſnowy pride?
Thoughtleſs ſhe leaves amid the duſty way,
Her eggs, to ripen in the genial ray;
Nor heeds, that ſome fell beaſt, who thirſts for blood,
Or the rude foot may cruſh the future brood.
In her no love the tender offspring ſhare,
No ſoft remembrance, no maternal care:
For God has ſteel'd her unrelenting breaſt,
Nor feeling ſenſe, nor inſtinct mild impreſt,
Bade her the rapid-ruſhing ſteed deſpiſe,
Outſtrip the rider's rage, and tow'r amidſt the ſkies.
Didſt thou the HORSE with ſtrength and beauty deck?
Haſt thou in thunder cloath'd his nervous neck?
Will he, like groveling graſhoppers afraid,
Start at each ſound, at ev'ry breeze diſmay'd?
A cloud of fire his lifted noſtrils raiſe,
And breathe a glorious terror as they blaze.
He paws indignant, and the valley ſpurns,
Rejoycing in his might, and for the battle burns.
When quivers rattle, and the frequent ſpear
Flies flaſhing, leaps his heart with languid fear?

Swallowing with fierce and greedy rage the ground,
" Is this, he cries, the trumpet's warlike ſound?"
Eager he ſcents the battle from afar,
And all the mingling thunder of the war.
Flies the fierce HAWK by thy ſupreme command,
To ſeek ſoft climates, and a ſouthern land?
Who bade th' aſpiring EAGLE mounts the ſky,
And build her firm aerial neſt on high?
On the bare cliff, or mountain's ſhaggy ſteep,
Her fortreſs of defence ſhe dares to keep;
Thence darts her radiant eye's pervading ray,
Inquiſitive to ken the diſtant prey.
Seeks with her thirſty brood th' enſanguin'd plain,
There bathes her beak in blood, companion of the ſlain.

ODE

ON THE

DEATH OF MR. THOMSON,

BY MR. COLLINS.

THE SCENE OF THE FOLLOWING STANZAS IS SUPPOSED TO LIE ON THE THAMES, NEAR RICHMOND.

I.

IN yonder grave a Druid lies
Where ſlowly winds the ſtealing wave!
The year's beſt ſweets ſhall duteous riſe
To deck its Poet's ſylvan grave!

II.

In yon deep bed of whiſp'ring reeds
His airy harp * ſhall now be laid,
That he, whoſe heart in ſorrow bleeds,
May love thro' life the ſoothing ſhade.

* The harp of ÆOLUS, of which ſee a deſcription in the CASTLE OF INDOLENCE.

III.

Then maids and youths ſhall linger here,
And while its ſounds at diſtance ſwell,
Shall ſadly ſeem in Pity's ear
To hear the Woodland Pilgrim's knell.

IV.

Remembrance oft ſhall haunt the ſhore
When Thames in ſummer wreaths is dreſt,
And oft ſuſpend the daſhing oar
To bid his gentle ſpirit reſt!

V.

And oft as Eaſe and Health retire
To breezy lawn, or foreſt deep,
The friend ſhall view yon whitening * ſpire,
And 'mid the varied landſcape weep.

VI.

But Thou, who own'ſt that earthy bed,
Ah! what will every dirge avail?
Or tears, which Love and Pity ſhed
That mourn beneath the gliding ſail!

VII.

Yet lives there one, whoſe heedleſs eye
Shall ſcorn thy pale ſhrine glimm'ring near?
With him, ſweet bard, may Fancy die,
And Joy deſert the blooming year.

* Richmond Church.

VIII.

But thou, lorn ſtream, whoſe ſullen tide
No ſedge-crown'd Sifters now attend,
Now waft me from the green hill's ſide
Whoſe cold turf hides the buried friend!

IX.

And ſee, the fairy valleys fade,
Dun Night has veil'd the ſolemn view!
Yet once again, dear parted ſhade,
Meek Nature's Child, again adieu!

X.

The genial meads aſſign'd to bleſs
The life, ſhall mourn thy early doom,
Their hinds, and ſhepherd-girls ſhall dreſs
With ſimple hands thy rural tomb.

XI.

Long, long, thy ſtone, and pointed clay
Shall melt the muſing Briton's eyes,
O! vales, and wild woods, ſhall He ſay
In yonder grave Your Druid lies!

THE CHILD BIRTH.

IN THE MANNER OF GAY.

THE doleful dumps I ſing, and tearful woes,
Of MARIAN teeming with unlawful throes:
The ſheeneſt laſs in Berkſhire was ſhe known,
Of all that butter ſell to Reading town:
Not the ſeven ſiſters could o'er her prevail,
The golden farmer's daughters of the vale,
Tho' every Oxford muſe their charms has ſung
And graveſt doctors * join'd the tuneful throng.

Ye peers! who careleſs of ambition, chuſe
To court the labours of the paſt'ral muſe;
And all the wond'rous bards who try the lay
Where black Cam rolls, or Iſis' eddies play,
Aſſiſt the labours of an humble ſwain,
Rude to the pipe, and novice on the plain.

Nine months ſucceſſive now had rolled round,
Since MARIAN firſt the pleaſing miſchief found;
In vain her hands had cull'd th' abortive weed,
Nor aught avail'd the 'pothecary's aid.

* The Rev. Dr. WILKES wrote a poem upon them.

Her womb began with fatal ſize to ſwell,
And ſick'ning qualms the bluſhful ſecret tell:
Then all in ſad deſpair ſhe made her moan,
Lodona's waters echoed groan for groan.
" Ah! faithleſs COLIN CLOUT! ah, luckleſs I!
" And canſt thou, cruel! from thy MARIAN fly?
" How often haſt thou ſuck'd my panting breath?
" How often ſwore to love me true till death?
" But to the Juſtice I'll reveal my plight,
" And with a conſtable purſue thy flight.
" Ah! how unequal, as our parſon preaches,
" Are this world's goods! and ſure he rightly teaches;
" For what to maidens brings eternal ſtain,
" (Sad management!) gives honour to the ſwain.
" 'Twas on the blitheſt morn of all the year,
" When new-born May bids every ſhepherd chear;
" When artful maids their rival fancies ſhew,
" And well-wrought garlands bloom on ev'ry bough;
" When gaudy fairs beſpangle every ſtreet,
" And lowing cows the novel paſture greet;
" Freſh roſe I, MARIAN hight, from ruſtic bed,
" The morning dream ſtill hov'ring o'er my head;
" Gay ſhews and ſweethearts had employ'd my thought,
" The kiſs imprinted, and the fairing bought!
" From lavander I drew the tucker'd ſmock,
" And hoſen boaſtful of a various clock;
" The ſilver'd knot well ſcollop'd on my head,
" And donn'd the ſunday gown berob'd with red.

" Thus all bedight, and ready for the fair,
" I ſat impatient with a wiſtful air,
" Expecting COLIN CLOUT, my perjur'd ſwain,
" Who always follow'd MARIAN on the plain:
" With him the moon-light walk I us'd to tread,
" With him I danc'd upon the ſportive mead;
" That very morn had taught the ſnails to crawl,
" And print myſterious letters on the wall.
" At length he came, and I with joyous meed
" Mounted behind him on the pillion'd ſteed:
" Sweetly I ſung, he whiſtled to the lay,
" Sweetly I ſung the ſong, and ſung the day:
" *What beauteous ſcenes* began the tuneful tale!
" And next I humm'd *the ſweets of Arno's vale*;
" Then MOLLY MOGG, fair damſel of the Roſe,
" And *lovely* PEGGY, taſte of London beaux.
" And now in view gay Reading ſtrikes our eyes,
" And all the dainties of the fair ariſe:
" Here Birmingham its boaſted ware diſplays,
" There leather breeches hight, and bodice ſtays;
" Here poſied garters flutter'd in the way,
" There painted hobby-horſes ſeem to neigh;
" Here belles in gingerbread all gilded over,
" And little gew-gaw H———YS act the lover.
" Shepherds and nymphs from every part repair,
" All who from Oxford hills direct the ſhare,
" Who fell the foreſt, or who mow the mead,
" Or drag in little boats the finny breed:

" Her wide-mouth'd ſons low-ſeated Henley ſends,
" And ſmoky Okingham it's tribute lends.
" But far did MARIAN all the reſt outvie,
" No cheek ſo ruddy, nor ſo black an eye;
" Scarce DOLLY C----K the daughter of the may'r,
" With all the flaxen ringlets of her hair,
" With all the ſnowy fulneſs of her breaſt,
" In blithſome features might with me conteſt.
" All youths ambitiouſly around me ſtrove,
" Each gave ſome choſen emblem of his love;
" One queintly bought the garters for my thighs,
" While ſimple archneſs ſparkled in his eyes.
" But all their fairings unſucceſsful prove,
" Still true to COLIN CLOUT I held my love.
" ——Ah! fly deceiver! you enclaſp'd my arm,
" And ſeem'd my ſaviour, while you meant my harm;
" Far too unequal was the high reward,
" My maidenhead muſt pay thee for thy guard;
" Already warm'd with joy you win my heart,
" And ſtamp a little COLIN e'er we part.
" —Yet now, when nature fills my womb, to fly—
" Nor yet one tear to iſſue from thine eye—
" My ſlighted love to quick reſentment turns;
" Lo my blood riſes, and my cheek all burns!
" O I could tear thee as I tear this glove—
" Go, horrid monſter! I deſpiſe thy love,
" Thy oaths I quit, thy fairings I reſign,
" Forget, renounce thee, hate whate'er was thine.

" * No chriſtian mother bound thy infant head,
" Some Turk begat thee, or ſome Papiſt bred;
" Or dropt on Cambrian hills, a ſqualid brat,
" Some ſhe-goat ſuckled thee with ſavage teat.
" † —Go to thy drab, whoe'er has won thy heart,
" And may the pox devouring make thee ſmart;
" ‡ My vengeful ghoſt ſhall haunt thee o'er the plain,
" Yes, thou ſhalt ſuffer, villain, for my pain.
" —But ah! my rage relents, my ſorrow flows;
" Come COLIN! faithleſs ſhepherd! eaſe my woes.
" And muſt I in the ſheet opprobrious ſtand?
" Thy plight is troth'd, ah! come and give thy hand:
" My conſcience ſtarts, whene'er I hear a knell,
" And is a little love deſerving hell?
" Too hard a penance for a ſin ſo ſlight!
" Ah how my heart miſgives me every night!
" When ſleep has clos'd my ſorrow-ſtreaming eyes,
" Then ghaſtly dreams, and hateful thoughts ariſe:

* *Nec tibi diva parens, generis nec Dardanus auctor,*
Perfide, ſed duris genuit te cautibus horrens
Caucaſus, Hyrcanæque admorunt ubera tigres.

† *I, ſequere Italiam ventis, &c.*
Spero equidem mediis, ſiquid pia numina, &c.

§ *Omnibus umbra locis adero, dabis, improbe, pœnas.*
Æn. 4.

" * All unaccompany'd methinks I go
" O'er Iriſh bogs, a wilderneſs of woe!
" Ah! my wits turn! ſtrange phantoms round me fly!
" Lo! I am chang'd into a gooſb'ry pye!
" Forbear to eat me up, inhuman rabble!
" Cocks crow, ducks quake, hens cackle, turkies gabble."

Thus as ſhe rav'd, her womb with rueful throes
Did to the light a luſty babe diſcloſe:
Long while ſhe doubted of the ſmirking boy,
Or on her knee to dandle, or deſtroy;
Love prompted her to ſave, and Pride to drown,
At length Pride conquer'd, and ſhe dropt her ſon.

* --- *Semperque relinqui*
Sola ſibi, ſemper longam incomitata *videtur*
Ire viam, & Tyrios deſertâ quærere terrâ.
Eumenidum veluti demens videt agmina Pentheus, &c.

Æn. 4.

ON A

LADY Y's

PRESENTING A SPRIG OF MYRTLE

TO A

GENTLEMAN.

BY MR. HAMMOND.

WHAT fears, what terrors does thy gift create!
Ambiguous emblem of uncertain fate!
The myrtle, enſign of ſupreme command,
(Conſign'd by VENUS to MELISSA's hand)
Not leſs capricious than a reigning fair,
Oft favours, oft rejects the lover's care.
In myrtle groves oft ſings the happy ſwain,
In myrtle ſhades deſpairing ghoſts complain;
The myrtle crowns the happy lovers heads,
Th' unhappy lovers graves the myrtle ſpreads;
Oh! then the meaning of thy gift impart,
And cure the throbbings of an anxious heart;
Soon muſt this bough, as you ſhall fix his doom,
Adorn PHILANDER's head, or grace his tomb.

TO
A YOUNG LADY
WITH
FONTENELLE'S PLURALITY OF WORLDS.

IN this ſmall work all nature's wonders ſee,
The ſoften'd features of philoſophy.
In truth by eaſy ſteps you here advance,
Truth, as diverting as the beſt romance.
Long had theſe arts to ſages been confin'd,
None ſaw their beauty, till by poring blind;
By ſtudying ſpent, like men that cram too full,
From Wiſdom's feaſt they roſe not chear'd, but dull:
The gay and airy ſmil'd to ſee 'em grave,
And fled ſuch wiſdom like TROPHONIUS' cave.
Juſtly they thought they might thoſe arts deſpiſe,
Which made men ſullen, ere they could be wiſe.
Brought down to ſight, with eaſe you view 'em here;
Tho' deep the bottom, yet the ſtream is clear.
Your flutt'ring ſex ſtill valued ſcience leſs;
Careleſs of any, but the arts of dreſs.
Their uſeleſs time was idly thrown away
On empty novels, or ſome new-born play.
The beſt, perhaps, a few looſe hours might ſpare
For ſome unmeaning thing, miſcall'd a pray'r.

In vain the glittering orbs, each ſtarry night,
With mingling blazes ſhed a flood of light:
Each nymph with cold indiff'rence ſaw 'em riſe;
And, taught by fops, to them preferr'd her eyes.
None thought the ſtars were ſuns ſo widely ſown,
None dreamt of other worlds, beſides our own.
Well might they boaſt their charms, when ev'ry fair
Thought this world all, and hers the brighteſt here.
Ah! quit not the large thoughts this book inſpires,
For thoſe thin trifles which your ſex admires;
Aſſert your claim to ſenſe, and ſhew mankind,
That reaſon is not to themſelves confin'd.
The haughty belle, whoſe beauty's awful ſhrine.
'Twere ſacrilege t' imagine not divine,
Who thought ſo greatly of her eyes before,
Bid her read this, and then be vain no more.
How poor ev'n You, who reign without controul,
If we except the beauties of your ſoul!
Should all beholders feel the ſame ſurprize;
Should all who ſee you, ſee you with my eyes;
Were no ſuch blaſts to make that beauty leſs;
Should you be what I think, what all confeſs:
'Tis but a narrow ſpace thoſe charms engage;
One Iſland only, and not half an Age.

O D E

ON THE FIFTH OF DECEMBER,

Being the BIRTH-DAY of a very beautiful YOUNG LADY.

BY MR. CHRISTOPHER SMART.

I.

HAIL eldeſt of the monthly train,
Sire of the winter drear,
DECEMBER, in whoſe iron reign
Expires the chequer'd year:
Huſh all the bluſt'ring blaſts that blow,
And proudly plum'd in ſilver ſnow
Smile gladly on this bleſt of days;
The livery'd clouds ſhall on thee wait,
And PHOEBUS ſhine in all his ſtate,
With more than ſummer rays.

II.

Tho' jocund JUNE may juſtly boaſt
Long days and happy hours;
Tho' AUGUST be POMONA's hoſt.
And MAY be crown'd with flow'rs;
Tell JUNE his fire and crimſon dyes
By HARRIOT's bluſh, and HARRIOT's eyes
Eclips'd and vanquiſh'd fade away;
Tell AUGUST, thou canſt let him ſee
A richer, riper fruit than He,
A ſweeter flow'r than MAY.

PART OF THE

PROLOGUE

TO

SIR DAVID LYNDESAY'S DREAM.

WRITTEN IN THE REIGN OF KING JAMES V.

I.

IN the kalendies of Januarie,
When freſche PHOEBUS by moving circulair
From Capricorn was enter'd in Aquarie,
With blaſtis that the branches made full bare,
The ſnow and ſleet perturbit all the air,
And ſlemit FLORA from everie bank and bus,
Throuch ſupport of the auſteir Eolus.

II.

Efter that I the lang wynteris night
Had lyne waking in my bed allone
Throw hevy thought, that na way ſleep I micht,
Remembering of divers thingis gone:
Sa up I rois, and cleithit me anone
By this fair Titan with his lemis licht
O'er all the land had ſpred his banner bricht.

III.

With cloke and hude I dreſſit me belive,
With dowbill ſchone, and myttains on my handis,
Howbeit the air was richt penetratyve,
Zet ſure I forth lanſing outhort the landis,
Towards the ſea, to ſchort me on the ſandis
Becauſe unblomit was baith bank and bray,
And ſa as I was paſſing by the way,

IV.

I met dame FLORA in dule weid diſagyſit,
Quilk into May was dulce and delectabill,
With ſtalwart ſtormis hir ſweetneſs was ſurprifit,
Hir heavinlie hewis war turnit into ſabill,
Quilkis umguile war to Luffaris amiabill,
Fled from the froiſt, the tender flouris I ſaw
Under dame Nature's mantill lurking law.

V.

The ſmall fowlis in flockis ſaw I flee
To nature makand lamentatioun,
They lichtit down beſide me on ane tree,
Of thair complaint I had compaſſioun,
And with ane piteous exclamation
They ſaid "blyſſit be ſomer with his flouris,
"And waryit be thou wynter with thy ſchowris.

VI.

" Allace AURORE, (the fillie lark did cry)
" Quhair has thou left thy balmy liquour ſweit,
" That us rejoiſit mounting in the ſky?
" Thy ſilver dropps are turned into ſleit.
" Of fair PHEBUS quhair is the holſum heit,
" Quhy tholis thow thy hevinlie pleſand face,
" With myſtie vapouris to be obſcurit, allace!

VII.

" Quhair art thou May, with June thy ſiſter ſchene
" Weill bordourit with daſeis of delyte?
" And gentill Julie, with thy mantill grene,
" Enamelit with roſis reid and quhyte?
" Now auld and cauld Januar in diſpyte
" Reiffis from us all paſtime and pleſure
" Allace! quhait gentle hart may this indure?

VIII.

" Ovirſilit ar with cloudis odious
" The goldin ſkyis of the orient,
" Changeing in ſorrow our ſing melodious,
" Quhilk we had wont to ſing with gude intent,
" Reſoundand to the hevinnis firmament,
" But now our day is changed into the nicht,"
With that they roſe and flew forth of my ſicht.

HARDYKNUTE

A FRAGMENT.

I.

STATELY ſtept he eaſt the wa,
And ſtately ſtept he weſt,
Full ſeventy zeirs he now had ſene,
With ſkerſs ſevin zeirs of reſt.
He livit quhen Britons breach of faith
Wroucht Scotland meikle wae.
And ay his ſword told to their coſt,
He was their deidly fae.

II.

Hie on a hill his caſtle ſtude,
With halls and touris a hicht,
And guidly chambers fair to ſe,
Quair he lodgit mony a knicht.
His Dame ſa peirleſs anes and fair,
For chaſt and bewtie deimt,
Nae marrow had in all the land,
Saif ELENOR the queen.

III.

Full thirtein ſons to him ſcho bare,
All men of valour ſtout;
In bluidy ficht with ſword in hand,
Nyne loſt their lives bot doubt;
Four zit remain, lang may they live
To ſtand my liege and land:
Hie was their fame, hie was their micht,
And hie was their command.

IV.

Great luve they bare to FAIRLY fair,
Their ſiſter ſaft and deir,
Her girdle ſhawd her middle gimp,
And gowden gliſt her hair.
Quhat waefou wae hir bewtie bred?
Waefou to zung and auld,
Waefou I trow to kyth and kin,
As ſtory ever tauld.

V.

The king of Norſe in ſummer tyde,
Puſt up with power and micht,
Landed in fair Scotland the yle,
With mony a hardy knicht:
The tydings to our gude Scots king
Came, as he ſat at dyne,
With noble chiefs in braif aray,
Drinking the blude-reid wyne.

VI.

" To horſe, to horſe, my ryal liege,
" Zour faes ſtand on the ſtrand,
" Full twenty thouſand glittering ſpears
" The king of Norſe commands.
Bring me my ſteed Mage dapple grey,
Our gude king raiſe and cryd,
A truſtier beaſt in all the land
A Scots king nevir ſeyd.

VII.

Go little page, tell HARDYKNUTE,
That lives on hill ſo hie,
To draw his ſword, the dreid of faes,
And haſte and follow me.
The little page flew ſwift as dart
Flung by his maſter's arm,
Cum down, cum down lord HARDYKNUTE,
And rid zour king frae harm.

VIII.

Then reid, reid grow his dark-brown cheiks,
Sae did his dark-brown brow;
His luiks grew kene, as they were wont,
In dangers great to do;
He hes tane a horn as grene as glaſs,
And gien five ſounds ſae ſhrill,
That treis in grene wode ſchuke thereat,
Sae loud rang ilka hill.

IX.

His ſons in manly ſport and glie,
Had paſs'd the ſummer's morn,
Quhen lo! down in a graſſy dale,
They heard their fatheris horn.
That horn, quod they, neir ſounds in peace,
We haif other ſport to byde;
And ſune they heyd them up the hill,
And ſune were at his ſyde.

X.

Late, late the zeſtrene I weind in peace
To end my lengthen'd lyfe,
My age micht weil excuſe my arm
Frae manly feats of ſtryfe;
But now that NORSE dois proudly boaſt
Fair Scotland to inthrall,
Its neir be ſaid of HARDYKNUTE
He feard to ficht or fall.

XI.

ROBIN of Rothſay, bend thy bow,
Thy arrows ſhoute ſae leil,
Many a comely countenance
They haif turnd to deidly pale:
Brade THOMAS tak ze but zour lance,
Ze need nae weapons mair,
Gif ze ficht weit as ze did anes
Gainſt Weſtmorland's ferſs heir.

XII.

MALCOM, licht of fute as ſtag
That runs in foreſt wyld,
Get me my thouſands thrie of men
Well bred to ſword and ſchield:
Bring me my horſe and harniſine
My blade of metal cleir;
If faes kend but the hand it bare,
They ſune had fled for feir.

XIII.

Farewell my dame ſae peirleſs gude,
And tuke her by the hand,
Fairer to me in age zou ſeim,
Than maids for bewtie fam'd:
My zoungeſt ſon ſall here remain
To guard theſe ſtately towirs,
And ſhut the ſilver bolt that keips
Sae faſt zour painted bowirs.

XIV.

And firſt ſcho wet her comely cheiks,
And then hir boddice grene,
Hir ſilken cords of twirtle twiſt,
Weil plett with ſilver ſchene;
And apron ſet with mony a dice
Of neidle-wark ſae rare,
Wove by nae hand, as ze may gueſs,
Saif that of FAIRLY fair.

XV.

And he has ridden owre muir and moſs,
Owre hills and mony a glen,
Quhen he came to a wounded knicht,
Making a heavy mane;
Here maun I lye, here maun I die,
By treacheries falſe gyles;
Witleſs I was that eir gaif faith
To wicked womans ſmiles.

XVI.

Sir knicht, gin ze were in my bowir,
To lean on ſilken ſeat,
To ladyis kindly care zoud prove,
Quha neir ſtend deidly hate;
Hir ſelf wald watch ze all the day,
Hir maids a deid of nicht;
And FAIRLY fair zour heart wald cheir,
As ſcho ſtands in zour ſicht.

XVII.

Aryſe zoung knicht, and mount zour ſteid,
Full lowns the ſhynand day
Cheis frae my menzie quhom ze pleis,
To leid ze on the way.
With ſmyleſs luke, and viſage wan,
The wounded knicht reply'd,
Kynd chiftain, zour intent purſue,
For here I maun abyde.

XVIII.

To me nae after day nor nicht,
Can eir be ſweit or fair,
But ſune beneath ſum draping tree,
Cauld death ſall end my care.
With him nae pleiding micht prevail,
Brave HARDYKNUTE in to gain,
With faireſt words and reaſon ſtrong,
Strave courteouſly in vain.

XIX.

Syne he has gane far hynd attowre,
Lord CHATTANS land ſae wyde,
That lord a worthy wicht was ay,
Quhen faes his courage ſeyd:
Of Pictiſh race by mothers ſyde,
Quhen Picts ruld Caledon,
Lord CHATTAN claimd the princely maid,
Quhen he ſaift Pictiſh crown.

XX.

Now with his ferſs and ſtalwart train,
He reicht a ryſing heicht,
Quhair braid encampit on the dale,
Norſs menzie lay in ſicht;
Zonder my valiant ſons and ferſs,
Our raging revers wait,
On the unconquerit Scottiſh ſwaird,
To try with us thair fate.

XXI.

Mak oriſons to him that ſaiſt
Our ſauls upon the rude,
Syne braifly ſchaw zour veins ar filld
With Caledonian blude.
Then furth he drew his truſty glaive,
Quhyle thouſands all arround,
Drawn frae their ſheaths glanſt in the ſun,
And loud the bougills ſound.

XXII.

To join his king adoun the hill
In haſt his merch he made,
Quhyle, playand pibrochs, minſtralls meit
Afore him ſtately ſtrade;
Thryſe welcome, valziant ſtoup of weir,
Thy nations ſcheild and pryde;
Thy king nae reaſon has to feir
Quhen thou art by his ſyde.

XXIII.

Quhen bows were bent and darts were thrawn,
For thrang ſcarce could they ſlie,
The darts clove arrows as they met,
The arrows dart the trie.
Lang did they rage and ſicht full ferſs,
With little ſkaith to man,
But bludy, bludy was the field,
Or that lang day was done.

XXIV.

The king of Scots that ſindle bruſk'd
The war that luikd like play,
Drew his braid ſword, and brake his bow,
Sen bows ſeimt but delay:
Quoth noble ROTHSAY, myne I'll keip,
I wate its bleid a ſkore.
Haſt up my merry men, cryd the king,
As he rade on before.

XXV.

The king of Norſe he ſocht to find,
With him to menſe the faucht,
But on his forehead there did licht
A ſharp unſonſie ſhaft;
As he his hand put up to find
The wound, an arrow kene,
O waefou chance! there pinnd his hand
In midſt betwene his ene.

XXVI.

Revenge, revenge, cryd ROTHSAYS heir,
Your mail-coat ſall nocht byde
The ſtrength and ſharpneſs of my dart;
Then ſent it through his ſyde:
Another arrow weil he markd,
It perſit his neck in twa,
His hands then quat the ſilver reins,
His law as eard did fa.

XXVII.

Sair bleids my liege; ſair, ſair he bleids.
Again with micht he drew
And geſture dreid his ſturdy bow,
Faſt the braid arrow flew:
Wae to the knicht he ettled at,
Lament now quene ELGREID,
Hie dames to wail zour darlings fall,
His zouth and comely meid.

XXVIII.

Take aff, take aff his coſtly jupe
(Of gold weil was it twynd,
Knit lyke the fowlers net throuch quhilk
His ſteilly harneſs ſhynd)
Take NORSE, that gift frae me, and bid
Him venge the blude it beirs;
Say, if he face my bended bow,
He ſure nae weapon fears.

XXIX.

Proud NORSE with giant body tall,
Braid ſhoulder and arms ſtrong,
Cryd, quhair is HARDYKNUTE ſae famd,
And feird at Britains throne?
Tho Britons tremble at his name,
I ſune ſall make him wail,
That eir my ſword was made ſae ſharp,
Sae ſaft his coat of mail.

XXX.

That brag his ſtout heart coud na byde.
It lent him zouthfou micht:
I'm HARDYKNUTE this day, he cryd,
To Scotlands king I hecht,
To lay thee low at horſes hufe,
My word I mean to keip.
Syne with the firſt ſtrake eir he ſtrake,
He garrd his body bleid.

XXXI.

NORSE ene like gray goſehawks ſtaird wyld,
He ſicht with ſhame and ſpyte;
Diſgracd is now my far-famd arm
That left thee power to ſtryke:
Then gaif his head a blaw ſae fell,
It made him doun to ſtoup,
As law as he to ladies uſit,
In courtly gyſe to lout.

XXXII.

Full ſune he reis'd his bent body,
His bow he marvelld ſair,
Sen blaws till then on him but darrd
As touch of FAIRLY fair:
NORSE ferliet too as ſair as he
To ſe his ſtately luke,
Sae ſune as eir he ſtrake a ſae,
Sae ſune his lyfe he tuke.

XXXIII.

Quair lyke a fyre to hether ſet,
Bauld THOMAS did advance,
A ſturdy fae with luke enragd
Up towards him did prance;
He ſpurd his ſteid throw thickeſt ranks
The hardy zouth to quell
Quha ſtude unmuſit at his approach
His furie to repell.

XXXIV.

That ſchort brown ſhaft ſae meanly trimd,
Lukis lyke poor Scotlands geir,
But dreidfull ſeims the ruſty point!
And loud he leuch in jeir.
Aft Britains blude has dimd its ſhyne
This poynt cut ſhort their vaunt;
Syne piercd the boiſteris bairded cheik,
Nae tyme he tuke to taunt.

XXXV.

Schort quhyle he in his ſadill ſwang,
His ſtirrip was nae ſtay,
Sae feible hang his unbent knee,
Sure taken he was fey:
Swith on the hardened clay he fell,
Richt far was heard the thud,
But THOMAS luikt not as he lay,
All walteriag in his blude.

XXXVI.

With cairles geſture mynd unmuvit
On raid he north the plain,
His ſeim in thrang of fierceſt ſtryfe,
Quhen winner ay the ſame;
Nor zit his heart dames dimpelit cheik,
Coud meiſe ſaft luve to bruik,
Till vengeful ANN returnd his ſcorn,
Then languid grew his luke.

XXXVII.

In thrawis of death, with wallowit cheik
All panting on the plain,
The fainting corps of warriors lay,
Neir to aryſe again;
Neir to return to native land,
Nae mair with blythſome ſounds,
To boiſt the glories of the day,
And ſchaw their ſhyning wounds.

XXXXVIII.

On Norways coaſt the widowit dame
May waſh the rock with teirs,
May lang luke ewre the ſchiples ſeis
Befoir hir mate appeirs.
Ceiſe, EMMA, ceiſe to hope in vain,
Thy lord lyis in the clay,
The valziant Scots nae revers thole
To carry lyfe away.

XXXIX.

There on a lie quhair ſtands a croſs
Set up for monument,
Thouſands full fierce that ſummers day
Filld kene waris black intent.
Let Scots quhyle Scots, praiſe HARDYKNUTE
Let NORSE the name ay dreid,
Ay how he faucht, aft how he ſpaird,
Sal lateſt ages reid.

XL.

Loud and chill blew the weſtlin wind,
Sair beat the heavy ſhowir,
Mirk grew the nicht, eir HARDYKNUTE
Wan neir his ſtately towir;
His towir that uſd with torches bleiſe
To ſhyne ſae far at nicht,
Seimd now as black as mourning weid,
Nae marvel fair he ſichd.

XLI.

Thairs nae licht in my lady's bowir,
Thairs nae licht in my hall;
Nae blink ſhynes round my FAIRLY fair,
Nor ward ſtands on my wall.
Quhat bodes it? ROBERT, THOMAS ſay,
Nae anſwer fits their dreid.
Stand back, my ſons, I'll be zour gyde,
But by they paſt with ſpeid.

XLII.

As faſt I haif ſped owre Scotlands faes,
There ceiſt his brag of weir,
Sair ſchamit to mynd ocht but his dame,
And maiden FAIRLY fair.
Black feir he felt, but quhat to feir
He wiſt not zit with dreid;
Sair ſchuke his body, ſair his limbs,
And all the warrior fleid.

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ODE

ON LYRIC POETRY.

BY DR. AKENSIDE.

ONCE more I join the Theſpian quire,
And taſte th' inſpiring fount again:
O parent of the Græcian lyre,
Admit me to thy ſecret ſtrain.——
And lo! with eaſe my ſtep invades
The pathleſs vale and opening ſhades,
Till now I ſpy her verdant ſeat;
And now at large I drink the ſound,
While theſe her offspring, liſt'ning round,
By turns her melody repeat.

I ſee ANACREON ſmile and ſing:
His ſilver treſſes breathe perfume;
His cheek diſplays a ſecond ſpring
Of roſes taught by wine to bloom.
Away, deceitful cares, away!
And let me liſten to his lay!

While flow'ry dreams my ſoul employ;
While turtle-wing'd the laughing hours
Lead hand in hand the feſtal pow'rs,
Lead Youth and Love, and harmleſs Joy.

Broke from the fetters of his native land,
Devoting ſhame and vengeance to her lords,
With louder impulſe, and a threat'ning hand,
The * Leſbian patriot ſmites the ſounding chords:
Ye wretches, ye perfidious train,
Ye curſt of Gods and free-born men,
Ye murd'rers of the laws,
Tho' now you glory in your luſt,
Tho' now you tread the feeble neck in duſt,
Yet time and righteous JOVE will judge your dreadful cauſe.

But lo, to SAPPHO'S mournful airs
Deſcends the radiant queen of love;
She ſmiles, and aſks what fonder cares
Her ſuppliant's plaintive meaſures move:
Why is my faithful maid diſtreſt?
Who, SAPPHO, wounds thy tender breaſt?

* ALCÆUS of Mitylene, the capital of Leſbos, who fled from his native city to eſcape the oppreſſion of thoſe who had inſlav'd it, and wrote againſt them in his exile thoſe noble inveſtives which are ſo much applauded by the ancient critics.

Say, flies he?——Soon he ſhall purſue:
Shuns he thy gifts?——He too ſhall give:
Slights he thy ſorrows?——He ſhall grieve,
And bend him to thy haughtieſt vow.

But, O MELPOMENE, for whom
Awakes thy golden ſhell again?
What mortal breath ſhall e'er preſume
To echo that unbounded ſtrain?
Majeſtic, in the frown of years,
Behold, the * Man of Thebes appears:
For ſome there are, whoſe mighty frame
The hand of JOVE at birth endow'd
With hopes that mock the gazing crowd;
As eagles drink the noontide flame.

While the dim raven beats his weary wings,
And clamours far below.——Propitious Muſe,
While I ſo late unlock thy hallow'd ſprings,
And breathe whate'er thy ancient airs infuſe,
To poliſh Albion's warlike ear
This long-loſt melody to hear,
Thy ſweeteſt arts imploy;
As when the winds from ſhore to ſhore,
Thro' Greece thy lyre's perſuaſive language bore,
Till towns, and iſles, and ſeas return'd the vocal joy.

* PINDAR.

But oft amid the Grecian throng,
The looſe-rob'd forms of wild deſire
With lawleſs notes intun'd thy ſong,
To ſhameful ſteps diſſolv'd thy quire.
O fair, O chaſte, be ſtill with me
From ſuch profaner diſcord free:
While I frequent thy tuneful ſhade,
No frantic ſhouts of Thracian dames,
No ſatyrs fierce with ſavage flames
Thy pleaſing accents ſhall invade.
Queen of the lyre, in thy retreat
The faireſt flow'rs of Pindus glow;
The vine aſpires to crown thy ſeat,
And myrtles round thy laurel grow.
Thy ſtrings attune their varied ſtrain,
To ev'ry pleaſure, every pain,
Which mortal tribes were born to prove,
And ſtrait our paſſions riſe or fall,
As at the wind's imperious call
The ocean ſwells, the billows move.

When midnight liſtens o'er the ſlumb'ring earth,
Let me, O Muſe, thy ſolemn whiſpers hear:
When morning ſends her fragrant breezes forth,
With airy murmurs touch my op'ning ear.
And ever watchful at thy ſide,
Let wiſdom's awful ſuffrage guide

The tenour of thy lay:
To her of old by JOVE was giv'n
To judge the various deeds of earth and heav'n;
'Twas thine by gentle arts to win us to her ſway.

Oft as from ſtricter hours reſign'd
I quit the maze where ſcience toils,
Do thou refreſh my yielding mind
With all thy gay, deluſive ſpoils.
But, O indulgent, come not nigh
The buſy ſteps, the jealous eye
Of gainful care, and wealthy age,
Whoſe barren ſouls thy joys diſdain,
And hold as foes to reaſon's reign
Whome'er thy lovely haunts engage.

With me, when mirth's conſenting band
Around fair friendſhip's genial board
Invite the heart-awakening hand,
With me ſalute the Teian chord.
Or if invok'd at ſofter hours,
O ſeek with me the happy bow'rs
That hear DIONE's gentle tongue;
To beauty link'd with virtue's train,
To love devoid of jealous pain,
There let the Sapphic lute be ſtrung.

But when from envy and from death to claim
A hero bleeding for his native land;
Or when to nouriſh freedom's veſtal flame,
I hear my genius utter his command,
Nor Theban voice, nor Leſbian lyre
From thee, O Muſe, do I require,
While my prophetic mind,
Conſcious of pow'rs ſhe never knew,
Aſtoniſh'd graſps at things beyond her view,
Nor by another's fate hath felt her own confin'd.

FINIS.